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SPIRIT WORLD.

YOUNG CHINESE WOMAN'S SEANCES

WEIRD CLAIMS.

The Calling Up of Gods and Ghosts.

Claiming supernatural powers, a young Chinese woman has been startling a section of the Hongkong community by holding seances with really surprising results.

Unlike most the mediums and others of the profession, who are usually to be found in sedentary occupations this young woman is really a cow-herdess, and she will only conduct seances for friends with introductions.

About a month or so ago, her village was in peril through a clash with neighbours strong enough to enlist the aid of the local garrison. A good many of the villagers fled, among them the young woman, who came to Hongkong leaving her herd and her father's padi-fields to care for themselves.

In her native village she had been credited with being able to communicate with the Fifth Princess of some Heavenly Sisterhood, but she seldom held seances. When she was paying a visit to friends of her relatives in Hongkong one day, a discussion started as to some poor results gained by a lady's visit to an old woman medium in Wanchai. Casually the country girl remarked that no matter how virtuous a married woman might be, matrimony wrecked all chances of intercourse with the gods or even with spirits of the departed.

When it became known that she had "practised" at home, she was begged to try. Her modus operandi, calling up a ghost or a deity, is to burn three incense sticks in front of herself, pass a weary and rather grimy hand over her weather-beaten face, and go off, or pretend to go off, into a trance.

A "China Mail" reporter who was privileged to be present on several occasions, could not but note the profound respect with which everybody treated the medium. Whatever the source of her information, the way in which she identified everybody present and defined their respective relations to the spirit of the dead person who for the time being spoke through her was, to say the least, quite remarkable. Everything she had to convey was sung. Each sentence began with a shrill high note followed by what resembled a groan and then came the words in a curious mixture of the classical and colloquial. Her eyes were closed all the time until the seance ended, when she smacked her forehead several times and then smiled. A minute's rest and she would oblige by starting off again and "going in quest" of another spirit whose name, description and resting place had been furnished to her.

Such is her popularity that two women patrons, formerly staunch friends, actually fought one another to secure priority of her supernatural services!

Mr. A. had seen the young woman and, on agreeing to pay a fee of twenty cents, had sought advice regarding his business. The Fifth Princess, under a battery of questions from Mr. A. and his partners, replied that the cargo that he had bought on speculation was whiteish in colour and when put in the mouth was sweet. Asked as to prospects, she answered to the effect that profits had already been gained by Mr. A. who, however, could not dispose of a big lot because prices had gone down. Another query brought an assurance that Mr. A.'s worries had decreased as the market had showed signs of recovery. Sure enough, Mr. A. had speculated in sugar with results indicated by the medium who does not know the first thing about commerce!

A day or two afterwards, Mrs. A. wanted the woman to visit her home. Mrs. B. insisted that she had spoken first. Words led to blows and a stool was thrown, luckily, without effect. With tears in her eyes, the cowherdess refused both, and when pressed again threatened to leave for her native village.

A $300 CHEQUE.

Beggar Woman's Takings.

GIFT FOR SMALL BOY.

PROGRESS OF POLICE CRUSADE.

The police crusade against beggars resulted in 25 persons, mostly of decrepit appearance, being sent to Canton last night.

Yesterday three children caught begging were sent to Po Leung Kok.

Three persons were charged at the Central Magistracy this morning for begging, two arrested at Ice House Street and one at Battery Path.

On the person of one of the defendant women, who had a small boy with her, was found a cheque issued by the International Banking Corporation in favour of the boy for $800.

The money was evidently a donation from a Chinese gentleman, as the cheque was endorsed at the back to the effect that the amount was to be paid to the boy when he reached the age of five years.

PIRACY FACTS.

DRASTIC MEASURES REQUIRED.

LESSONS OF THE PAST.

Ugly Evil Which Must Be Dealt With Now.

Having contributed £250,000 towards the provision of measures for the security of the Empire at sea, Hongkong is awaiting the announcement of some return in the shape of greater safety for the coasting vessels subjected to the piracy menace.

Since the recommendations of the Committee which considered the question were sent home all the news that the Imperial Government has thought fit to publish is the statement of the Under Secretary for the Colonies that steps have been taken to increase the number of patrol craft and the system of escort by gunboats and armed launches instituted in narrow waters.

Meanwhile representatives of shipping interests and of the officers who have to man the boats which at present are subject to such grave risks are asking when these patrol boats are going to operate, for it is a well-known fact that the present strength of the Navy is insufficient to allow of any increase, and nothing has been published of orders having been placed for the building of such boats.

The lethargy with which those responsible would appear to be treating the matter is giving rise to considerable uneasiness, for those who have any idea at all of conditions on the high seas and inland whters in China to-day know that piracy is not theoretical but an ugly fact, and the opinion is growing that the continuance of the evil is largely due to the jealousies and negligence of the four allied powers whose duty it is to protect their national trade in the China Seas but who would appear to be neglecting measures of co-operation.

For examples of this lack of co-operation one has only to bear in mind the pirating of large French and British steamers on the high seas between Singapore and Hongkong and of the daily outrages against life and property which occur in inland waters. The question is being asked "must we wait until a P. & O. or a Pacific Mail liner has been similarly treated before those responsible take action?"

It was the British Navy which broke the power of the Eastern pirates, everywhere except in the vicinity of Hongkong and Canton, and even here between the years 1834 and 1860 sloops of war flying the white ensign, were chasing and hunting down pirate junks. The prospects were that they would have made these parts safe for traffic also had it not been for the fact that the Chinese Government accomplished it themselves. With the Manchu abdication it became impossible for Peking to direct the Viceroy of the Two Kwangs to make even an attempt at piracy a capital offence and it is well known that nothing has so encouraged the pirates as the fact that no steps are ever taken against them.

The solution would appear to be along the lines of those adopted prior to the time when the duty of stamping out piracy was left to the Chinese Government, and the suggestion is finding favour that some such action is necessary as that of establishing a British flotilla in Hongkong, as proved so successful years ago. It should be comparatively easy to discover from what particular locality any given set of pirates come and a visit to that locality should result in the giving up of the wanted men, their transportation and trial here, where, if found guilty, they would receive the punishment they deserve.

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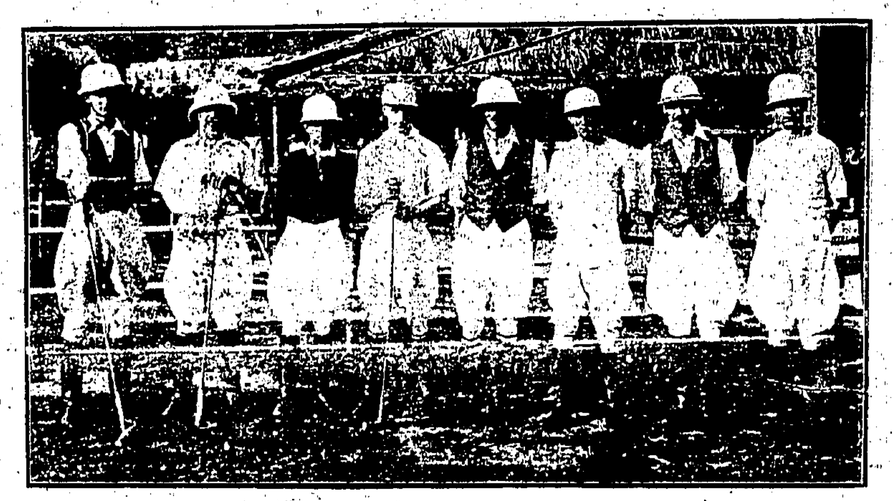

Photo by Mee Fong.

On Tuesday afternoon the Civilians defeated the Royal Navy, in the first match for the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup by 4 goals to 2, at the Polo ground, Causeway Bay. The teams were (left to right):—Lieut.-Commdr. Sprague, R.N., Major Rotheram, Lieut.-Commdr. Thompson, R.N., Mr. Bartholomew, Capt. Sturges, Royal Marines, Mr. Pollock, Capt. Neville, R.N., and Mr. Beith.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

MR. PIERCY'S LETTER TO "OLD BOYS."

A THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE.

The "China Mail" has received the following for publication from Mr. B. C. Randall, hon. secretary to the Diocesan School Boys' Association:—

As proposed at the last annual dinner, a telegram was sent to Mr. Geo. Piercy, the former Headmaster, who has sent the following letter, dated March 26, thanking the Old Boys for their "thoughtful and kindly message":—

810 Linden Avenue,
Victoria, B.C.,
26th March 1925.

Dear Randall,

It was a surprise and delight to receive your telegram of yesterday's date conveying "Love and esteem from all Old Boys" and I hasten to write on behalf of Mrs. Piercy and myself to thank you and all associated with you for your thoughtful and kindly message, presumably from a dinner or social meeting of the Old Boys' Association.

We are proud of the School and of the manner in which so many former and present pupils are maintaining its justly high reputation, and pray God to prosper and bless all connected with the old and new school.

We eagerly search the Hongkong newspapers for familiar names and have gladly welcomed many old friends visiting Victoria, B.C. (on Vancouver Island but not the same as Vancouver City, which is on the mainland).

Trusting you are well, and with our kindest regards to all,

I am,
Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) Geo. Piercy.

Mr. B. Randall,
Hon. Secretary,
Diocesan School Old Boys' Association,
Hongkong.

BOOK THE DATE.

R. A. ASSOCIATION'S CONCERT.

Our advertisement columns announce the fact of a most enjoyable concert to be given in the Theatre Royal on Friday next. All the best of the Colony's talent will perform and the proceeds will be given to the Royal Artillery Association. The objects of this Association are:—To create and foster a bond of comradeship between all who are serving or have ever served as Artillerymen in any capacity whatever. To maintain the proud "Artillery Traditions" and to foster "Esprit de Corps." By the establishment of "Branches" in every part of the British Isles and later, not only throughout the British Empire, but in every part of the World where such a course is feasible to institute a "Gunner Friend" in the strictest sense of the world i.e.:—To watch the interests of the Artillerymen, their families and dependants, of all ranks and all branches, and to extend a helping hand to those who are sick or in trouble through no fault of their own. To organise Employment and Information Bureaux. To give those who have served as Artillerymen some means of retaining touch with Old Comrades. To act as Trustees for Orphans, Regimental Property etc., To give financial assistance with Education..... By Grants or Scholarships under the Bursary Scheme. To form a representative body to further the interests of the Regiment in all matters.

A collision occurred in the harbour yesterday between the steam launch Kong Ching and a junk. The latter was damaged to the extent of $60.

A coolie of the Sang Lee Company rolled down Morrison Hill whilst at work yesterday. The man died shortly after admission into hospital.

PACIFIC BOATS.

DOLLAR CO.'S LATEST MESSAGE.

PURCHASE CONFIRMED.

The Robert Dollar Co.'s Hongkong office has informed the "China Mail" that they have received cable information from their Shanghai office to the effect that the five United States Shipping Board steamers now operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., have been purchased by the Dollar Steamship Line.

This cable to the Dollar Co. means that a decision has been reached regarding the proceedings that followed the Pacific Mail Co.'s appeal to Court, opposing the Shipping Board's award.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. Oram Sheppard, general agent for the Pacific Mail Co., the "China Mail" announced that the Mail Co. applied for an injunction, restraining the Board from handing over the "535" boats to the Dollar interests. Hearing was fixed for April 20.

On inquiry from Mr. Sheppard this morning, the "China Mail" was informed that no further news had been received since the last mentioned date.

HOME MAIL.

The London mail of March 26 (papers only) via Negapatam due by the s.s. Diomed at daylight this morning had not arrived at time of going to press.

The letter mail dated London, April 3, via Siberia, by the s.s. Kanchow, will probably arrive late in the afternoon to day.

A search carried out by the police under a warrant at 24B Pak Ngau Shek (White Bull Rock) in the Taipo district yesterday resulted in the seizure of a revolver and 50 rounds of ammunition. One man was taken into custody.

THE GREAT UNPAID.

NEW J. P.'S APPOINTED.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace for the Colony of Hongkong:—

Non-Official.

Bailey, William Seybourne.
Bell, William Henry.
Black, George Duncan Ralph, M.D., C.M.
Chan Tin-son,
Davison, Arthur Wellesley.
Fung Ping-shan.
Hopkins, Leonard Egbert.
Hornell, William Woodward, C.I.E.
James, Frederick William.
Knight, Charles Crosby.
Ma Chee-lung.
Marsh, Francis Richard.
Ross, John Black.
Williamson, Stuart Taylor.
Wong Tape, Benjamin.

CANTON ITEMS.

HEAVY RAIN AND STRIKES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 24.

Yesterday Canton was drenched by a downpour which followed a thunderstorm and lightning.

The 40,000 workers who struck in protest against the luxury taxes, reported previously in the "China Mail" took part in a demonstration and camped out for a night outside the Governor's Yamen. They have since returned home on securing promise of favourable consideration from Governor Wu Han-min.

There is still no sign of settlement of the oil fuel trouble. In spite of the strike, a few cars are still running about. The ferry-boats, considered a public service, are still in service as they are, it is understood, granted limited supplies. The Canada Bus Co.'s buses are not out.

REVOKED LEASE.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, April 24.

The Sinclair company has appealed to the supreme tribunal against the Sagbalien oil lease judgment.

PARIS, April 24.—The Senate has voted for the reinstatement of the French Legation at Bangkok.—Havas Agency.

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
... H. BARLOW,
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1925.

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A. H. FERGUSON,
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SHARE MARKET REPORTS.

LYALL AND EVATT.

Singapore, April 8.

Tin.—£235 5s. up 10s. Local 118⅛. 150.

Rubber.—1s. 8¼d. up ¼d. Local 71¾.

Rubbers.—Craigieleas are very firm with all round buyers at 63 cents. Klaungs are wanted at 3.45. Punggors have enquiries at 63 cents. Jimahs are in demand at 1.25, sellers asking 1.30. Mandai Tekongs can be placed at 40 cents. Tapahs at 10.50 and Pajams at 5.30. New Scudais offer at 1.34. A bid is wanted for 571 Alor Gajahs.

Mining.—Tongkah Compounds are wanted at 20s. 6d. Chenderiangs have changed hands at 23s. Idris can be placed at 31s. Kuchais are still in demand: Ords. at 1.33 and Prefs: at 1.36. Kintas are a firm market with buyers at 1.01. Linguis are wanted at 6. Petalings have made 1.65. Johans offer at 50 cents and Talams at 56 cents. Klang Rivers can be placed at 1.46. The Taiping group is neglected.

Industrials and Loans.—Unchanged.

ROSE MACPHAIL AND CO.'S REPORT.

(L. R. Macphail.)

Singapore, April 8.

Rubber.—1 8⅛—7¹³/₁₆.

Tin.—£235 5s.

Rubber and tin have both slightly advanced in price and enquiries in these sections are well maintained. Industrials and Loans are firm.

Rubbers. — Bassetts offer at 1.01. New Craigieleas are wanted at 62½. Jeram Kuantans offer at 42½ and Allenbys. at 1.45. Hamiltons are wanted at par. New Serendahs have been taken at 2.85.

Mining.—A feature in this section is the strength of Linguis which have been taken up to 6.10. Idgis have made 31s. 9d. for arrival. Tongkah Harbours are easier at 1.225. Tongkah Compounds are in demand at 21s. 6d.

Industrials.—Traders are unchanged at 27. Hammers are wanted at 182.50. Steamships are firm with business up to 295 ex. Engineers offer at 7.70. Wearnes are wanted at 8.25. A small parcel of Smelters Ord. made 8.95.

Loans.—1918 has been taken at 105.50 and 7 per cent. at 104.75. Conversion is wanted at 104.75 and Victory at 105.25.

SHIPBUILDING.

CAMMELL LAIRD: NO DIVIDEND AGAIN.

A preliminary statement of results for the past year issued by Cammell, Laird, & Co. shows a net profit of £70,894, which compares with £70,054 for 1923. The 5 per cent. dividend on the preference shares absorbs £61,261, and the directors again refrain, therefore, from recommending any distribution to the ordinary shareholders, whose last dividend was 5 per cent. in 1922, and that only by virtue of a withdrawal of £50,000 from the reserve. The amount carried forward, however, is increased from £38,016 to about £45,000.

At first glance these results appear disappointing, in view of the fact that the merchant tonnage under construction in the shipbuilding industry has been steadily, if slowly, increasing, owing partly to some improvement in shipping conditions, and partly to the necessity for replacing the large quantity of worn-out vessels. But it must be remembered that shipbuilding necessarily suffers from the depression in the coal and iron and steel trades. The Company's working costs, for instance, must have been higher. Until the world's shipping trade takes a more decided turn for the better and demand for new vessels revives, indeed, little improvement on the present indifferent results can be expected.

RUBBER DIVIDEND.

Kempas, Limited, have declared an interim dividend of 10 per cent.

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Hongkong, January 2, 1925.

BRITISH-CONTROLLED OILFIELDS.

The British Controlled Oilfields is one of the companies in reference to which finance and productive capacity must be carefully distinguished. The report for the year ended July 31, 1924, now issued, shows that no steps have yet been taken to bring the balance-sheet in relation with the present situation. Thus the fruitless expenditure in Ecuador and Costa Rica, representing $21 millions out of the total assets of $45 millions, remains untouched, the directors having decided to leave it for the present in view of the rapidly increasing value of the Venezuelan property, and later on to extinguish the Ecuador and Costa Rica suspense account by writing up that property. A profit and loss account is published for the first time. This shows a gross profit of $1,538,000, of which $901,000 was derived from the sale of oil and $590,000 represented profit on the sale of the company's holding of V.O.C. Holding shares. Development and administration expenses came to $1,392,000, while $55,000 was applied to writing off expenses in connection with the issue of shares and $90,000 is carried forward. Thus, apart from the profit on the sale of V.O.C. shares, the company was still working at a loss.

As regards the production side, the report is optimistic. The output of the El Merie field has been brought up to more than 250,000 barrels per month, a figure which may be substantially exceeded in the near future, and the pipe lines and organisation are working without a hitch. The shipment of oil last month, when the second pipe line became available, was 33,000 tons, against 18,000 in December and 7,200 in January, 1924. But the company has a very long row to hoe before there can be concrete justification for the market valuation of £10 millions at present placed upon its capital.

SURPLUS OR DEFICIT?

The huge deficit of £89 millions shown in the National Accounts at the end of December has now been reduced to rather less than £12 millions, with the last month of the financial year still to run. The revenue collected during March, 1924, exceeded expenditure during that month by some £17 millions, so that on that showing it might appear that a small final surplus at the end of March has now become something like a certainty. But that assumption ignores the fact that the accounts will include a debit of some £10 millions of National Debt interest due on March 1 which a year ago fell into the account for the week corresponding to the last week. On an impartial view, therefore, the situation still remains the same as in recent weeks—that is to say, a small deficit is, if anything, still more probable than a small surplus.

The revenue collected during the week, at £22,100,000, was some £4 millions lower than during the preceding week and about £4½ millions lower than during the week ended March 1, 1924. Ordinary expenditure amounted to £12,900,000, against £22½ millions in the corresponding week of 1924, which included the £10 millions of dividend money referred to. Other disbursements included a further £1,000,000 in respect of the repayment of the 5½ per cent. Exchequer Bonds, and the week closed with a net balance of £7,905,000. As a result the floating debt fell by this amount to £79,730,000, or £14,745,500 below the figure for March 31, 1924. As, however, a further £5,200,000 was borrow from the public departments, raising their total advances to £167,565,000, there was £13,105,000 available for the repayment of Treasury bills, the total issue of which fell to £592,165,000.

£11,980,937 IN DIVIDENDS.

The Robinson gold mine in the Transvaal, which has paid £11,980,937 in dividends, provides another illustration of the saying that "old mines die hard."

It was not anticipated that profitable operations could be continued throughout 1924, but the end of the year found the mine still in the list of gold producers, and at the end of January the consulting engineer wrote, according to the annual report just received in London, that "should nothing untoward occur it may be possible to keep going for a further three or four months."

At the end of last year the company's unappropriated balance was £276,547, of which £257,665 was represented by cash and investments.

EXHIBITION TRAIN.

NEW SOUTH WALES' IDEA.

An exhibition train, loaded with Australian-made goods is to tour New South Wales for 12 months, under the control of the "Australian-made" Preference League. The plan is for the train to visit 100 towns. The train, painted white, will be fitted out attractively and illuminated in spectacular style. Exhibitors will travel with the train, and wherever it stops the town will hold a shopping-week of Australian-made commodities. The train will be fitted with wireless.

The league hopes to make arrangements with the New South Wales Minister for Agriculture, to combine with the manufacturers' train a "better farming" train on which to demonstrate the latest developments in cotton, wool, wheat, fruit packing and so on. It is not proposed to make a profit out of the train, but the league expects to make it pay for itself by the sale of exhibiting space to manufacturers.

SCOTTISH SHIPBUILDING.

Shipbuilders in all the Scottish districts continue to launch vessels with fair regularity, while at the same time they are booking only small numbers of contracts, so that the tonnage on the berths must be decreasing somewhat rapidly. There were launched all over Scotland during February 16 vessels of 45,016 tons. To this total the Clyde contributed 12 vessels of 40,936 tons, Montrose one vessel of 1,400 tons, and Aberdeen three vessels of 2,680 tons. The Clyde output compares with 13 vessels of 10,607 tons in the corresponding month of last year and five vessels of 18,846 tons in February, 1923. For the two months the Clyde output consists of 20 vessels of 69,502 tons, as compared with 22 of 47,524 tons in the first two months of 1924, and 32 of 93,431 tons in the corresponding period of 1921, when the output was the highest yet recorded. There is therefore an increase of 21,978 tons as compared with last year, but a decrease of 23,929 tons as compared with the best figures on record.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

10.30 A.M.

Name of Bank	Stock Exchange APRIL 24.	Sharebrokers' Association APRIL 14.
H.S.B.C. T.T. on selling rate		
London ...	2/2⅞	2/2⅞
and on Shanghai ...	73⅜	73⅜
Hongkong Banks 1230 n London—	£133 n	ha 1225
Chartered Bank	£21½ b.	b. £21-1/2
Mercantile Bank A B	£26-1/2 b.	b. "A" £29½
do. C	£13-1/8 b.	b. "C" 13½
P. & O. Bank	£ 11⅜ b.	b. £11⅜
East Asia Bank	100 n.	n. 100
Marine Insurances		
Canton Insurance...	765 b.	b. & sa 770
China Under	2.90 b. 3 sa	b 3 sa 2.90-3.15
North China Insurance ...	T140 n.	n. 140
Union Insurance	272 n	b 271 sa. 272
Yangtsze Insurance	45 b.	b. 45
Fire Insurances		
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	b. 200
Hongkong Fire Insurance...	665 n.	b. 660
Shipping		
Douglases	54 s.	n. 52
H.K. Steamboats	37½ b. 38 sa	b & sa 38
Hongkong Tugs and Lighter	4½ n.	b. 4.70
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	98 n.	n. 98
do. (Def.)	120 s.	—
do. (H.K. Reg.) ...	120 s.	n. 120
Shell Transports	85/- n.	n. 83/-
Star Ferries	89 n	b 87 sa 88
Water-boats	17-1/4 n	n. 17½
Oriental Nav. Co.	255 n.	n 255
Refineries		
China Sugar	68 sa	b 68 sa 70
Malabon Sugar	53 n.	b 52½
Mining		
Benguets	P. 2½ b	—
Kailan Mining Adm.	57/- b	n 57.6
Langkats ... ... }	Comb. T16⅞ n	b. 28½
Shanghai Loans ... }	T 7 n.	b. 7
Shai Explorations... }	T 6 b	b. 6
Single Langkats ...	T12½ b.	b. 11-1/2
Raubs	3.30 n.	n. 3½
Tronoh Mines	56/- b.	b. 57/-
Ural Casp.	8/- n.	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H. & K. Wharfs	194-198 sa.	b. 196 sa 194-6
H. & W. Dock...	110 n	b 120
Shanghai Bongkews	T203 b.	—
New Engineerings...	T9½ n.	n. 94
Shai Docks	T127 sa.	n 127
Cements	31½ s & sa	—
H. K. Engineerings	—	—
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.		
H.K. & Shai Hotels 17½ s. & sa New—		sa 17.30-½
Hongkong Lands	98-1.2 s	a 97 sa 98 97
Humphreys Estates	10-1/2 b 20½ sa	b 20½
Kowloon Lands	9 —	—
Princes Building	150 n.	n. 150
H.K. Realty	4.60 b	b. 4.60
H.K. Territorials...	3.90 s.	s. 4½
Rural Lands...	10 n.	—
Cotton Mills.		
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd. ...	T 11½ sa.	b 11.60
Kung Yiks	—	—
Laou Kung Mows...	—	—
Orientals...	T. 3.90 b.	n 3.90
Shanghai Cotton	T 60 b. New T10-1/2 b.	n. 60 New 33 n.
Yangtzepoos...	—	—
Miscellaneous.		
Cements ... ... 21 b. New 9 b.		(b. 21 New n. 9
Cements "Combined 31½ b 31-1/2 s 31.40-31½ sa		(Comb. b 30½ s 31½ sa 31/31½
China Lights (Old) ... ... 24 n.		sa. 24-1/8 sa 23⅝
do (New) 21 b. Comb 36-1/2/37 sa		(New b. 20 Comb b 37 s & sa.
China Providents 15⅛ n. New 14 b.		sa. 15½ New 14½ b sa 14-1/2
H b. Developments ... 80 Cents		b. 70 Cents
Provident's Combined ... 52 s. 50 sa		Comb. b 49-1/2
Dairy Farms...	27 b.	b 27½ sa 27½
H.K. Electrics	92 b 91-93 sa	b 91 sa 91-92
Macao do	42 n.	—
Hongkong and Canton Ices	—	b. 7½
Hongkong Rope... ... 16 n.	New 10.20 n.	b 17 New 10 b
Hopes Combined...	53-1/2 b	b 52 sa 53
Hongkong Tramways... ...	45½ s	b & sa 44-1/2
Peak Tramways (Old)... ...	23-1/2 b.	b. 23
Do. (New) ...	8.40 b.	b 8.10
Watson's	20½ b 22 sa New 13 b.	(b 21½ New b 13½
Wm. Powells	13 b.	—
Lane Crawfords	18 b. 18½ sa	b. & sa 18½
Canton Ices	7-1/2 b.	—
H.K. Construction	44 n.	b. 4½
Nanyang Tobacco	—	b. 91
Sincres	13-1/2 n.	b 13
Mackintosh	21-1/2 b	—
H.K. Taxis	3½ n	s. 3½
China Buses	T 14-1/2 b.	—
Trams	—	—
Singapore Trams	1½ n	b. 1.55
Dor A. Wing fully paid	10 n.	n. 10
...part Do. paid —	5 n.	n. 5
United Abesto (Founders)		b. 800
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	n. 15

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 24th April 1925.

On London—	
Bank, Wire...	2/2⅛
" On demand	2/2 15/16
" 30 day's sight... ...	—
" 4 months' sight ...	2/3-⅛
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	2/3-⅛
Documentary, 4 months sight	2/3⅛
On Paris—	
On demand	103⅜
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	113⅝
On demand	nom.
On New York—	
On demand	53½
Credits, 60 days' sight ...	53½
On Bombay—	
Wire	—
On demand	150½
On Calcutta—	
Wire	—
On demand	—
On Singapore—	
On demand	96
On Manila—	
On demand	106½
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand	127½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	8.66
Silver (per oz.)	31. 3/16

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cents sub. ...	3 % dis.
" 10 " ...	2 % dis.
" 5 " ...	5 % dis.
Canton coins " ...	17 % dis.
Bar Silver in Hongkong	10 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cash ...	10 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents ...	6 % pm.
Rate of Native Interest	5 % to 7 % out
Chinese Sub. Coin ...	31½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin. ...	2 % dis.

VISITORS AT HOTELS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

April 23.

Mr H. Axelrood	Mr J. E. Joseph
Mr S. Back	Capt C. Joss
Dr Baner	Mr W. Kreiger
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Mr and Mrs H. W. Caner	Mr A. E. Johnston
Mr J. A. Carpenter	
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Mr and Mrs J. Clement	
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Mr A. Dodd	
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Mr. F. M. Goldrick	
Mr and Mrs C. E. Goodhue	
Mr and Mrs R. D Gray	
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Miss A. I. Griffin	
Mr. & Mrs. J. Gould	
Dr. D. R. Gawler	
Mr. G. H. Gibson	
Mr R. G. Hewlitt	
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Mr E. Hannoney	
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Mr J. Henriques	
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Mr. C. E. Holmes	
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Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Hersee	
Mr L. S. Hosonally	
Mr. G. J. Johnston	
Mr. J. H. Johnstone	
Mr A. E. Johnston	

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Mr and Mrs A. E. A. Carleton	Mr. & Mrs. C. McLure
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	Mr. Col. & Mrs C. M. Stephens
	Mr & Mrs Townend

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April 24.

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Mr S. A. Arthur	Mr and Mrs A. C.
Mr & Mrs F. Austin	Kennedy
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Z. YAMAMOTO,
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8, Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, 5th June, 1924.

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Cheques should be sent addressed to the Company, together with Certificates of Title in respect of the First Call, when Fully paid Certificates will be issued.

The Transfer Books of the Company in respect of the New Issue of Shares will be closed from WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of April, until SATURDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1925, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares of the New Issue can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, 20th April, 1925.

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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 27th April, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1924, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 16th April, 1925, until MONDAY, the 27th April, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1925.

THE HONGKONG TUG & LIGHTER CO., LTD.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th MAY, 1925, at 2.30 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the period ended 31st March, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, the 4th May, 1925, until THURSDAY, the 7th May, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong 21st April, 1925.

NOTICE.

THE Tai Fung Hing Kee Firm or the Tai Fung Hing Kee Company of No. 121 Bonham Strand East, Victoria, Hongkong, Dealers in Bamboo wares and Seagrass wares.

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Dated 22nd April, 1925.

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MR. SYDNEY HAMPDEN ROSS, Chartered and Incorporated Accountant, has been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

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COUNSEL AND THINNING PROCESS.

Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett, K.C., was the central figure in an amusing scene at the South-Western Police-court, when, with Mr. Walter Frampton, he appeared for the defence in a case in which Mr. James Wooding, baker and confectioner, of Falcon Road, Battersea, was summoned for selling "fairy cakes" containing crystallized boric acid in a quantity alleged to be excessive. Dr. Henry Richard Kenwood, Professor of Hygiene and Public Health in the University of London, and medical officer for Stoke Newington, called for the prosecution, said that boric acid was a drug, but was very little used nowadays for internal purposes, and had no reputed value. Taken in small doses, it caused in susceptible people digestive disturbances, and had a tendency to bring about loss in weight.

Mr. Henry Curtis-Bennett: Would you mind saying, for the benefit of people in court, what the dose should be? (Laughter.)

The Magistrate: Yes, for weight reduction what would a learned advocate practising at the Bar require to take?

Witness: I do not think any doctor would start Sir Henry on more than a ten-grain dose three times a day.

Sir Henry: I should be able to eat a quantity of these cakes in a day.

Witness remarked that if Sir Henry were as susceptible as many people were, the ten grains would soon have to be reduced to five.

The Magistrate: The number of grains would be reduced, but what about Sir Henry? (Laughter.)

Witness: Not correspondingly reduced. Sir Henry might or might not suffer from the boric acid, he went on; it would depend on his "susceptibility."

Sir Henry said that if he was given to understand that boric acid was going to make him thinner he would eat more of it than he did now in the form of preservatives in food.

The Magistrate: What about your junior?

Sir Henry: I shall recommend him, too. (Laughter.)

The hearing was adjourned, Sir Henry saying he should make the submission that he had no case to answer.

REAL REDUCING.

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DIVISION OF DUTIES.

COLONIAL OFFICE CHANGES.

The terms of a reply to a question recently given by Mr. Amery, Secretary for the Colonies in the House of Commons indicated that the Government have been considering a change in the title of the Colonial Office which would bring it into more appropriate relation to the Overseas Dominions. At the same time it is understood that a considerable amount of reorganisation will take place in order that the Department may be in a better position to deal with the growing mass of work involved in discussing Imperial affairs with the self-governing Dominions.

Certain of the changes which are proposed have been under the consideration of a Committee of the Treasury, since they would involve some increase of expenditure. A suggestion is that the designation Colonial Secretary, now considered inappropriate, should be changed to Secretary of State for Imperial Affairs, or some such title, more in keeping with the status of the great Dominions making up the British Commonwealth of Nations. At the same time, instead of there being one Permanent Under-Secretary and a Parliamentary Under-Secretary, it is suggested that there should be two, since the great mass of work amply justifies the creation of these additional offices. The duties could then be divided, so that one Permanent Under-Secretary and one of the Parliamentary Under-Secretaries would devote themselves exclusively to affairs affecting the Dominions and Ireland. The second branch would then handle questions concerning the Crown Colonies, Protectorates, and Mandated Territories.

It is believed that such a change as is contemplated would be welcomed by the Dominions. At the same time, the way might be paved for closer collaboration with the overseas parts of the Empire, not only on Imperial, but on foreign affairs. This might be achieved by each Dominion Government having a representative in London empowered to discuss matters of foreign policy, while members of the British Diplomatic Service might be stationed in the Dominions. By this means exchanges of views on questions affecting foreign affairs would be rendered easier.

A man was very desirous of going in for boxing, but his wife wanted him to take up fencing instead. "But, my dear," he argued "if I was attacked I shouldn't have my foils with me."

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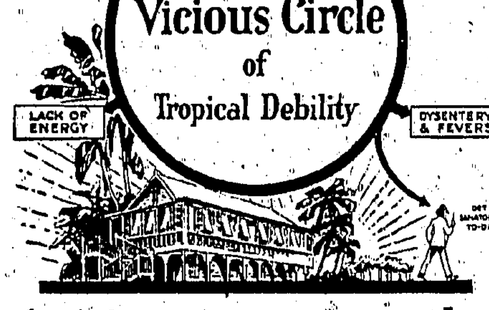

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Among his more depressing utterances were the following:—

We should never be in a position to resist a real nationalist movement in India.

The French in Canada are squeezing us out of the Province of Quebec and threatening to squeeze us out of other places too.

Canadians and Australians do not think of themselves as Englishmen, and are more drawn towards the United States than to ourselves.

There is little chance of England ever being able to employ the whole of its population.

We are breeding children from our worst stocks, rather than from our best.

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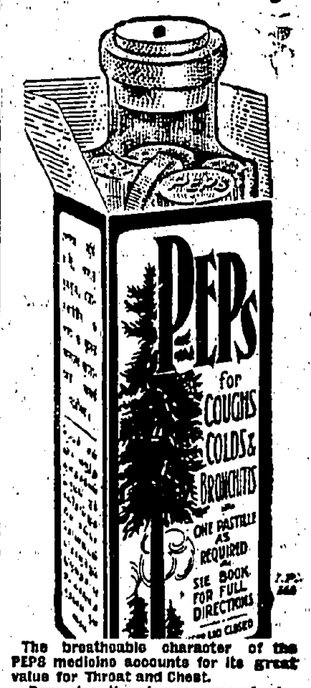

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LONDON, April 24.

Trainer Taylor reports that the Derby favourite, Picaroon, has fallen lame and is most unlikey to run in the Two Thousand Guineas.

Another report states his leg is filled. If so, the chance of his running in the Derby appears remote.

Picaroon won the Newmarket Craven Stakes last week and was quoted in the last Derby call-over at 3/1.

HOME GOLF.

ENGLISH AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 24.

At Hoylake, in the first English amateur close golf Championship, T. F. Ellison (Royal Liverpool) beat S. Robinson (Southport and Ainsdale) by one up.

BILLIARDS CHAMPION.

STEVENSON TO COME HERE AGAIN?

There is a possibility of H. W. Stevenson, the former billiards champion, paying another visit to Hongkong. He is at present in Shanghai where he will stay a week or two before coming down here.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s "Nagoya" on Apr. 25:—Capt. and Mrs A. L. Robb, Mr G. S. Merrick, Mr G. W. Stericker, Miss Balmer, Mr and Mrs C. M. Preshaw, Col. C. Russell Brown D.S.O., Mrs C. Russell Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O. Messrs R. W. Morris, W. S. Sharpe, W. Nee, D. E. Sundram, Mr and Mrs H. Walton, Messrs J. C. T. Messer, Tan Lye-huat, A. Morley, Henriques, S. A. Martindale, Miss Whitcomb, Major-General C. C Luard, C.B., C.M.G, Mrs C. C. Luard, Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston, A.D.C., Messrs F. Kulka, J. H. Fayers, Ross, Master L. Lever, Mrs P. L. Nga, Miss Tuan King, Mr R. A. Wickerson and Mr A. S. Findlay.

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Divine Service at 10.15 a.m and 8 p.m. conducted by Rev. Henry S. F. Rossiter.
Morning Subject:—"Sitting on the Fence"
Evening Subject:—"Security or Victory?"
8 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting at Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street.

LOCAL SPORT.

TENNIS TOURNEY.

LO BROTHERS IN DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

(By "Hotspur.")

Thanks to better understanding, M. W. and M. K. Lo beat H. Unotoro and T. Akiyama in the fourth round of the Open Doubles at the H. K. C. C. yesterday in the annual tournament.

M. K. Lo played as well as his best in the Singles against H. D. Rumjahn and M. W. was brilliant all-round. The brothers lobbed to good purpose when hard pressed and generally recovered.

One of the Japanese exploited the piledriver forehand shot which sometimes passed the brothers, or was placed between them but the losers did not combine at all well.

Both pairs were enterprising in going to the net to volley but the winners generally got the better of the duels.

The Lo's deserved to win straight sets but their victory is rather flattered by the scores as many were taken to deuce.

Details follow:

Yesterday's Results.

Open Championship Doubles (fourth round):—M. W. and M. K. Lo beat H Unotoro and T. Akiyama 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, (winners in semi final).

Handicap Doubles (third round):—Lt. Col. Montague Bates and Captain R.H.P. West (owe 15) beat Captain Bensley and Captain Clements (rec. 15) 6-4, 6-1. A. S. Hett and G. B. Hett (scr.) beat L. Forster and F. A. Redmond (owe 15) 7-5, 6-2.

Monday's Programme.

Open Championship Singles (second round):—Lim Peng-chin v. F. A. Redmond; E. C. Fincher v. R. Tsurumi.

(Third round):—Dr D. J. Valentine v. Ho Ka-lau (winner to meet H. D. Rumjahn in fourth round).

Open Championship Doubles (third round):—Yew Man-kit and Lau Fook-ling v. Lt. Col. Montague Bates and Captain R. H. P. West (winners to meet Yew Man-tsun and Ho Ka-lau in fourth round).

Handicap Singles "B" (third round):—A. K. Mackenzie (owe 1/6) v. P. H. Bonnerman (scr.—winner to enter semi-final.

Handicap Doubles (second round):—B. D. Evans and W. Hyde (owe 3/6) v. L. P. Ralph and A. H. Penn (rec. 15)—winners next meet Dr. D. J. Valentine and R. J. Saunders (scr.) in third round.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

As announced yesterday, the South China senior "A" team will play a friendly game with the H.M.S. Hawkins on the Club ground to-day, kicking off at 4.45 p.m. The Chinese team will be composed of the following:—Lau Hing-cheung; Lai Yuk-tat and Chan So; Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Sui-wa and Lam Yuk-ying; Pang Kam-wing, Suen Kam-shun, Wong Pak-chung, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-iu.

The match between South China and the civilian team (winners of the Lai Wah Cup) will take place on May 2.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per s.s "Kansas" remaining undelivered after Apr 27, will be subject to rent Agents—The Bank Line Ltd.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 25.—Coronet Theatre, "Babbitt."
April 25.—World Theatre, "Butterfly."
April 25.—Queen's Theatre, "Carter" the Magician.
April 25.—Star Theatre, "Wine," also "The Dorros."

SPORTS.

April 25 & 26.—Hongkong Rifle League meeting at Old Kowloon City "A" Range.
April 29.—First bi-annual race for the "Trevessa" Trophy, 4 p.m.
May 2.—Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 3 p.m.
May 2.—Third annual sports meeting of Cheung Chau Government School, football ground on Cheung Chau Island, 1 p.m.
May 9.—R.H.Y.C. Closing Cruise and ladies' day.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

April 30.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Room, Duddell Street, a collection of about 2,000 stamps, at 5.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

April 27.—Twenty-eighth annual meeting of shareholders of China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, 6, Connaught Road, 11.30 a.m.
April 29.—Third yearly meeting of shareholders of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Royal Building, Ice House Street, noon.
May 7.—First annual meeting of Hongkong Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, Chater Road, 2.30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

April 28.—Annual meeting of Navy League, at City Hall, 5.15 p.m.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B. F. s.s. "Agapenor" left Port Said on Apr. 2 for London, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Dunkirk.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Heiyo Maru" (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Apr. 18 and is expected here today.

The B. F. s.s. "Diomed" from Liverpool left Singapore on Apr. 20 for this port and is due here to-day.

The E.I.S.N. "Salma" left Amoy for this port on Apr. 25 at p.m. and is due here to-morrow at about p.m.

The D.S.L. s.s "President Harrison," which is due at this port on April 27 sailed from New York on March 5.—on schedule.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. McKinley" is due here at 7 a.m. to-morrow and sails for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 5 p.m. on Apr. 27.

The E. & A. s.s. "St. Albans" left Moji for this port yesterday and is due here on Apr. 28 at about p.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Automedon" from Liverpool left Singapore on Apr. 21 for this port and is due here on Apr. 28.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" which is due at this port on Apr. 30 sailed from Seattle on Apr. 9—on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Nelson" left Liverpool on Mar. 18 for Hongkong, Shanghai Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about May 3.

The M. V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Dunkirk on Mar. 25 and is due here on or about May 4.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakuan Maru" (European Passenger Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Mar 28 and is expected here on May 4.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Apr. 18 and is due here on May 5.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Sado Maru" (Calcutta-Passenger Line) left Calcutta for Hongkong via Singapore on Apr. 19 and is expected here on May 6.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Van Buren" which is due at this port on May 11, sailed from San Francisco on Apr. 11—on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Cyclops" left Liverpool on Apr. 5 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due at this port on or about May 14.

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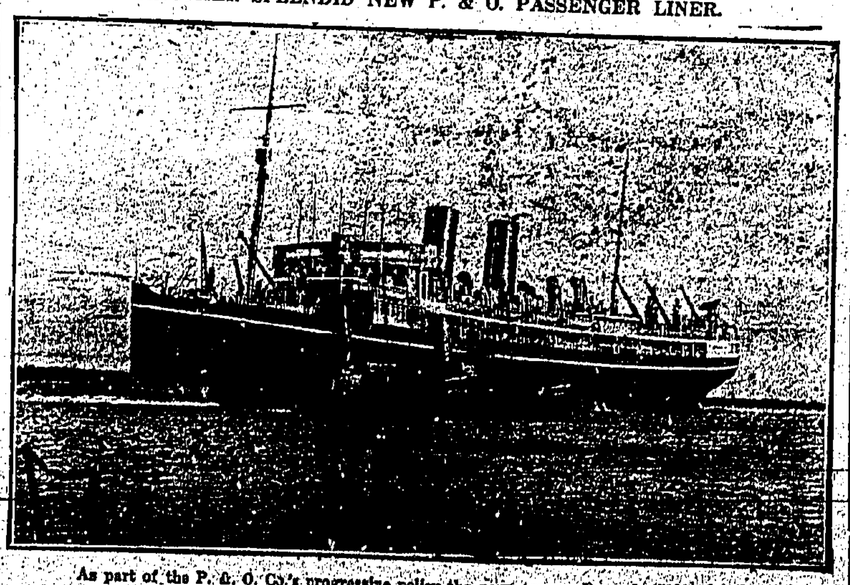

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"SICILIA"	5,813	10th June	S'apore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"KALYAN"	9,118	13th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles and London
"DELTA"	5,097	6th July	S'apore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"KASHMIR"	5,985	11th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th July	Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	5,666	5th Aug.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	9,005	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles and London
"SICILIA"	5,813	2nd Sept.	S'apore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"NARKUNDA"	6,227	5th Sept.	Marseilles and London
"KARMALA"	9,128	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KHIVA"	9,135	3rd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	17th Oct.	Marseilles & London

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"TALMA"	10,000	18th Apr. at 1 p.m	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,058	1st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALAMBA"	5,018	7th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	14th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAIREA"	7,933	28th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	6,949	4th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Apr. at 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
†"TANDA"	6,958	3rd June	do.
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"TAIREA"	7,933	4th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	9th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,118	15th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SICILIA"	5,813	15th May	Shanghai and Kobe
"TARADA"	6,949	17th May	Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	5,985	12th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	5,097	19th June	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th July	Moji and Kobe.
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"NARKUNDA"	16,227	21st Aug.	Shanghai
"KHIVA"	9,135	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th Sept.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Shanghai and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,144	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Oct	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MANTUA"	10,902	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	5,985	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	27th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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Continued last night, the results in the V.R.C. annual amateur boxing tournaments were as follow:—

Boys' Bantamweights (56 lbs. limit): — Ramsay (Garrison School) beat M. Fowler (Kowloon British School) on points. Dillon (G.S.) given walk-over by R. Wood (K.B.S.) not appearing.

Boys' Middleweights (76 to 90 lbs.):—K. G. Evans (K.B.S.) beat Osborne (St. Joseph's College) on points. Giron (S.J.C.) beat B. Wong (Diocesan School) on points.

Men's Lightweights: — A. B. Shaddock. (Brisbane) knocked out A. B. Balsdon (Ambrose) in the first round. Sig. Thomas (Durban) was given the decision over Pte. F. Cooper (Surreys) by the referee after the judges had disagreed. A. B. Quinn (Brisbane) knocked out A. B. Quidderdale (Hawkins) in the round.

Boys' Lightweights: — G. Danenberg (S.J.C.) beat S. Christie (D.B.S.) as the latter gave up at the end of the first round.

Men's Featherweights: — Seaman Codnor (Carlisle) was given the decision over Stoker Lee (Hawkins) by the referee after the judges had disagreed.

Boys' Heavyweights: — A. Randall (D.B.S.) beat R. Gerrard (D.B.S.) on points. W. Cunningham (D.B.S.) beat S. Berceno (S.J.C.) as the latter gave up at the end of the first round.

Men's Welterweights:—A. B. Ringham (Iroquois) beat Marine Fordham (Carlisle) on points. Pte. Barber (Surreys) beat A. B. Webb (Titania) on points. P. O. Meen (Tamar) knocked out A. E. Faulkner (Hawkins) in the third round.

Men's Middleweights:—Sergt. Edwards (Surreys) beat Sig. Marshall (Hawkins) on points. Pte. Eaton (Surreys) beat Pte. Probitts (Surreys) on points. Stoker Thompson (Titania) knocked out Pte. Sullivan (Surreys) on points.

Men's Lightweights:—A. B. Shaddock (Brisbane) beat Sig. Rogers (Tamar) on points.

Men's Welterweights:—A. B. Ringham (Iroquois) beat Marine Burghall (Ambrose) who gave up at the end of the first round. P. O. Meen (Tamar) beat Pte. Barber (Surreys) the referee stopping the bout in the second round.

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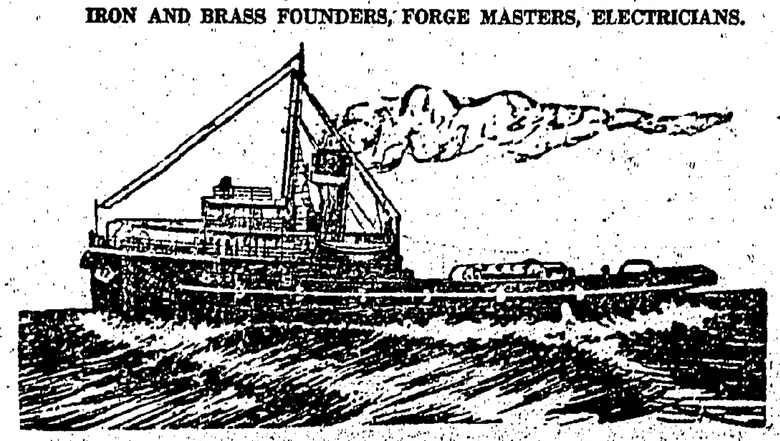

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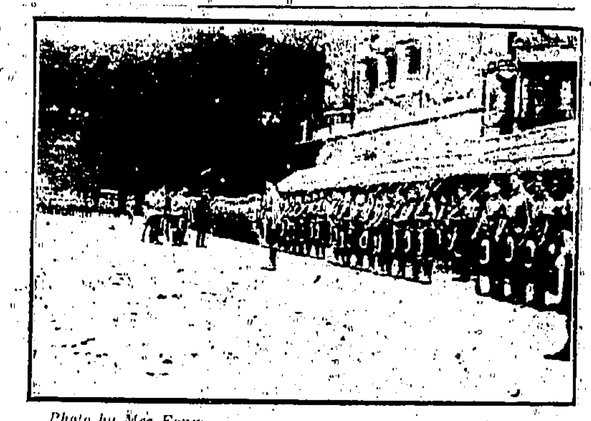
H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major General C. C. Luard) inspecting the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on the Parade Ground last Friday. The General and Major Trench of his staff, are shown with 2nd Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff inspecting the Armoured Car Section, which is a new unit.



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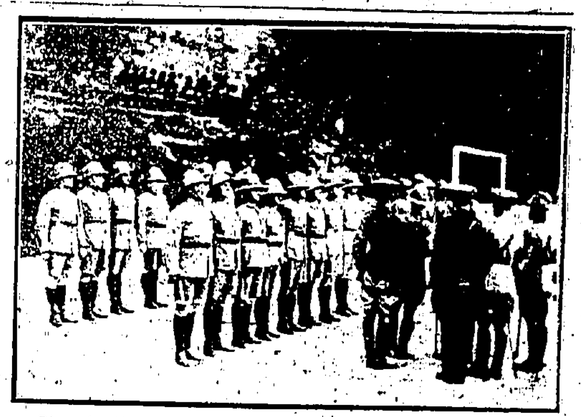
Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Platoons of the Scottish Company lined up. Captain Ross and 2nd Lieut. Adams is with the General and 2nd Lieut. MacGown is in the foreground. No. 5 Platoon is being inspected. No. 6 is waiting its turn and No. 7 standing at ease.



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The Artillery Company, with shorts and puttees and chin-straps down.

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"Veterans" of the Reserve Co., nearest to the camera, are standing at the slope as His Excellency walks along.

Photo by Mee Fong.
The General shown chatting to Piper MacEwen of the Scottish Pipe Band.

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A close race in the Hongkong Schools' Sports held on Monday last, April 20, at the Hongkong Football Club's ground. Note the spirit of determination on the group of young athletes.

Photo by Mee Fong.
Group taken at the V.R.C. sports at the Hongkong Football Club's ground last Saturday. Left to right are Mr. R. C. Witchell (honorary secretary), H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs) who is President of the V.R.C., Mr. T. J. Gaisford-St. Lawrence (Private Secretary) who is facing the camera, the Hon. Sir Claud Severn (who is chairman of the V.R.C.) with his back to the photographer, and Mr. W. Logan (of the V.R.C. committee) who is facing the left.

Photo by Mee Fong.
Spectators at the V.R.C. sports, held last Saturday at the Hongkong Football Club ground, sitting in the stand. H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs) is seated next to the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (with dark glasses) in the first row behind the table on which the prizes are standing.

Photo by Mee Fong.
The new 8th, 14th and 15th Hongkong Troops of Boy Scouts, affiliated with the South China Athletic Association, paraded for their inaugural ceremony on the Garrison Football Club ground last Sunday when the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Commissioner, described the scout movement throughout the world as the Boys' League of Nations.

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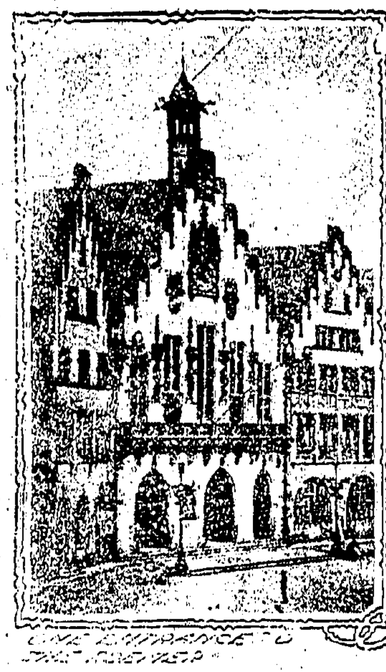
H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs) seated in the middle of the front row prior to giving away the prizes at the annual Hongkong Schools' Sports on Monday, April 20, at the Hongkong Football Club's ground, Happy Valley. Next to His Excellency (at the corner of the table) is Mr. B. Tanner, headmaster of Queen's College. At the extreme left of the picture is the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School.

FRANKFORT - THE BIRTHPLACE OF GOETHE



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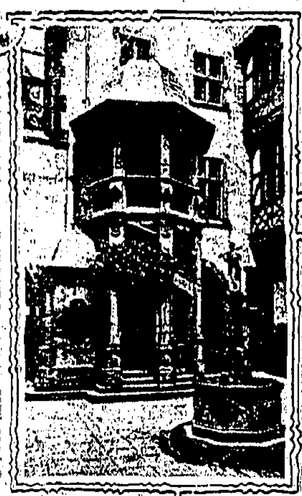

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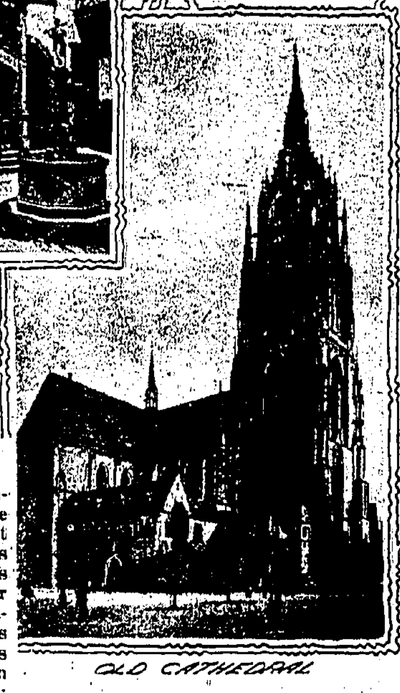

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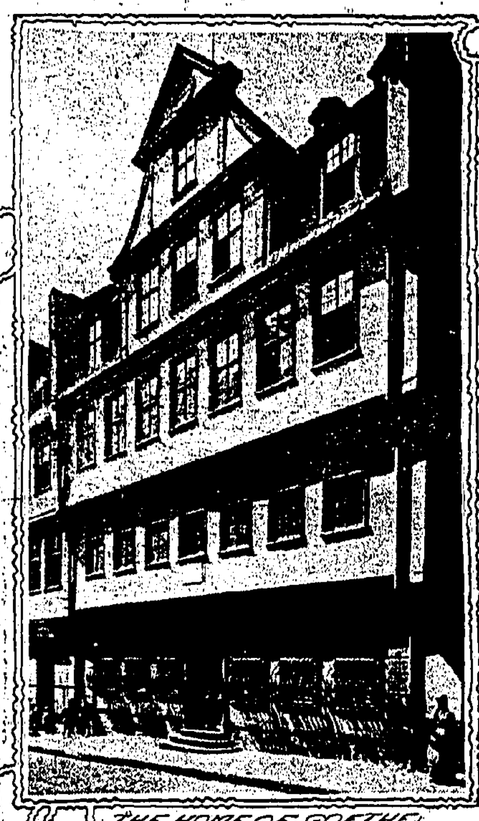

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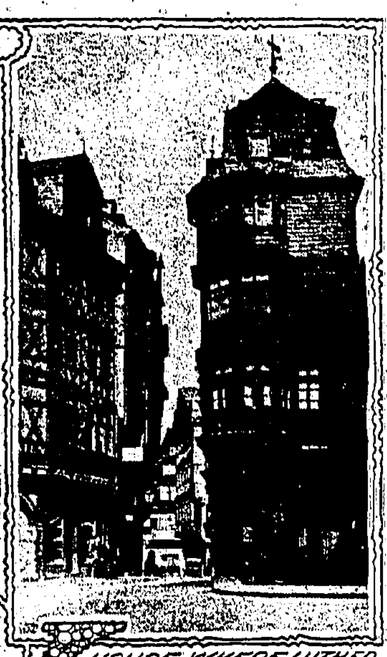


HOUSE WHERE LUTHER LIVED IN FRANKFORT - (ON THE RIGHT-CORNER)

When the world-famous banking houses of Frankfort-on-the-Main and its tremendous wealth and commercial importance are a legend of the past the people of the future shall yet reverence the very earth where its houses stood because it was the birthplace of Goethe. Other poets have written of men's wanderings and their passions, their feuds and wars, their temptations and their triumphs, have even taxed their imagination to write of heaven and of hell, but not one has written as Goethe wrote of the evolution of the soul of man. Not one has taught us as he did to see the light upon the distant mountain tops and climb ever towards it, however wild and rough the path; to reck nothing of bleeding hands and wounded feet if only we may climb ever upward.

[By LILIAN HAYDEN HIESTON.]

"A beautifully situated city with its river and its majestic hills; a city magnificent in its modern aspect, quaint and picturesque in its ancient quarters; a city of charming hospitality, of lovely homes, of superb public buildings. The great banking house of Rothschild originated here. The old dwelling house of its founder is still standing in the Juden Gasse. The peace terms at the end of the Franco-Prussian War were arranged and signed here in Frankfort. Bismarck was present and the fountains of the city ran wine for the population to celebrate the triumph of Germany. A characteristic story of the great Bismarck is amusing. He rang the bell upon his table in the hotels so frequently to have letters posted and for other services that the landlord took away the bell. The next time Bismarck was in need of an errand-boy he fired his pistol. The frightened landlord came running and was informed that the bell had disappeared and the guest would in the future use his pistol. It is needless to say the bell reappeared.

Healing Springs.

Frankfort is surrounded by famous "cures." The country of the Taunus hills is noted for its medicinal hot springs. Some of the world-frequented resorts are close to Frankfort, notably Homburg, Nauheim, Kissingen and Wiesbaden. Sufferers from rheumatism and heart troubles find ready relief and the bathing establishments are the finest in the world. These cure-places are always rich in parks and shady walks and with superb hotels to cater to every purse. Magnificent military bands play every afternoon and evening, and the life is always gay and amusing. At Nauheim the water is richly charged with natural carbonic acid gas and the pretty little town, almost lost in its magnificent parks and lakes, is the world's most renowned place for weaknesses of the heart.

Frankfort gets the benefit of the hundreds of thousands who go to these resorts from every country in the world. An hour's ride in a fine express train is no hardship and many thousands go by automobiles. The drives among the mountains here are very attractive. Then in Germany there are always round-trip tickets which take in the most beautiful places in the neighbourhood and are absurdly cheap. The second, third and even the fourth class cars are clean and comfortable.

The Roemer, Or Town Hall.

Frankfort's Roemer, as we must write the word, since newspapers in America have not the umlaut in their type, was the place where all emperors of Germany, of greater Germany, including Austria and much of Europe, in the far days, were elected. Emperor of Rome and of Europe from the Atlantic to Turkey, some of these ancient warriors were. Who of our modern figure-heads that are called kings could wear that golden crown which weighed over fourteen modern pounds? Who among our men could wear the armour that appals us as we see it in museums, so cumbersome and tremendous is its weight, and fight in it as those men did? Emperors were chosen in the great hall of the Roemer, men who could lead the army in battle and win out over their enemies and rule wisely. For many centuries all these emperors were given the crown of Charlemagne, his golden mace, and his great sword, and one of their tribute lords rode on horseback to the whole ox roasting in the market place and with his sword carved the first slice for the newly chosen emperor. The streets were spread with purple cloth for all the gay procession to pass over, and the feast in that splendid hall with its wonderful carvings lasted through many hours. After the election all went to the cathedral for a solemn service and then came back for the feast. The emperor sat six feet above the crowd of his nobles at a table by himself, with his queen three feet below his place.

Even after the power of the vast empire had declined the emperors still were elected at Frankfort. Frederick Barbarossa was the first to be chosen by the electors. The law was that the emperor should be chosen at Frankfort, crowned at Aix-la-Chapelle, and hold his first parliament at Nuremberg. The great sacred square where was the cathedral and the Roemer was forbidden to all Jews until within recent centuries.

Goethe.

The home of Goethe's father and mother is an imposing house in the old part of the town. They were people of wealth and the baby boy had a beautiful little garden in which to play, back to the great house, the substantial furniture is the same and the place is kept up as a museum. One goes into the room where he first saw the light and one sits in the chair by the desk where some of his earliest works were written. Everything is very substantial and very simple. In the Goethe Platz is a colossal bronze statue of him, tall and intellectual and handsome as he was in the life. He will be remembered for his second part of Faust, one of the most magnificent works of genius that the world has known. The soul of man wins upward from sin and weakness to the very glory of triumphant strength, and ever the soul of her he loves flouts before him like a star until together, purified and saved, they meet on that high spiritual plane and know themselves divine.

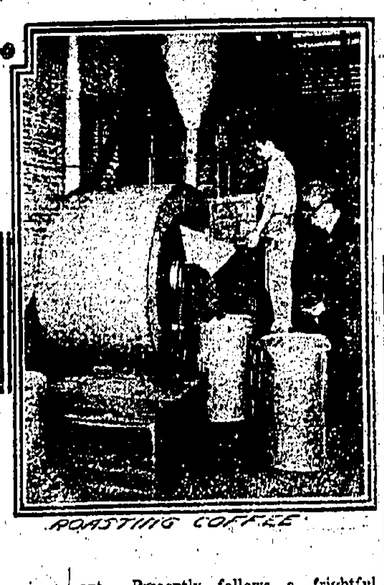
Founded In 794.

"Frankfort" is noted for its splendid educational advantages. It has all manner of societies for the advancement of learning and its schools are of the best. Everything is done for the encouragement of talent and genius. Charlemagne himself founded the city in 794 and it still bears the imprint of his zeal for education. It has long been the second mercantile city of Germany, only Hamburg surpassing it. Its banking interests are superior to any other city in Germany. It is full of exquisitely picturesque old houses with projecting stories, ornamented with frescoes and carvings. It was through all the centuries a free, imperial city, possessed of many privileges. Its rich population live in palaces in the new part of the city or in elaborate villas in the lovely suburbs up among the Taunus hills. There are superb theatres, museums, hotels, parks and shops and this very ancient city has not by any means gone to sleep. It is remarkably wide awake.

SHALL ALL OF OUR STIMULANTS BE FORBIDDEN?

STUDYING EFFECTS OF TOBACCO SMOKE ON THE HUMAN SYSTEM

GEORGE F. MITCHELL, OFFICIAL TEA TASTER FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT



ROASTING COFFEE

MACHINE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR TESTING THE BURNING QUALITY OF TOBACCO. IT SMOKES FOUR CIGARS AT ONCE

FETCHING A LOAD OF CASSINA TEA TO THE GOVERNMENT FACTORY

The Reformers, Having Extinguished Alcohol, Are Now Going After Tobacco — They Reserve Coffee for Future Attack, and a Constitutional Amendment Prohibiting Tea Is Not Unlikely.

[By RENE BACHE.]

It is felt by all the best-qualified and most earnest reformers that the evil of stimulants has not been satisfactorily eliminated by the prohibition of alcoholic beverages.

There is tobacco, a noxious weed. A fresh amendment of the Constitution should make its sale a crime. An ounce of it in a person's pocket should constitute unlawful possession, punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Coffee, likewise, must go. It is a powerful stimulant, owing that quality to an alkaloid called "caffeine," which is a species of dope. In coffee beans ordinarily there is about 1¼ per cent. of caffeine.

As regards coffee, however, there is a way out. The Government Plant Bureau has recently been making experiments in the breeding of coffee plants, and it has found that by selective methods the percentage of caffeine in the beans can actually be reduced to zero!

In some coffees on the market it runs as high as 3 per cent. Porto Rico, on the other hand, sends us "mild" coffees, containing less than 1 per cent. of caffeine, which are preferred by persons who find the Brazilian product too strong.

Cereal "Coffees."

Counterfeit coffees, made from cereals, are now consumed in considerable quantities. Needless to say, they have no kick. But it is the kick, which means caffeine, that the reformers wish to eliminate. Why not eliminate it at the source by breeding and growing coffee that contains no caffeine?

The method is simple enough. As the recent experiments have proved, all that is necessary is to grow the coffee bushes and plant, through a series of seasons, the seeds of those whose beans are found by chemical analysis to contain the least percentages of caffeine content can be rapidly reduced until it comes down to nothing at all. The Philippines and Porto Rico could produce all of the caffeineless coffee required for consumption in the United States.

The popular drink known as "near beer" is made just like the old-fashioned lager, the alcohol being taken out of it afterwards. To that innocent beverage caffeineless coffee would fairly correspond, and there would be no need of special treatment to render it innocuous.

It is perhaps worth mentioning that the plant which produces our best cup coffees is of Arabian origin, and was introduced early in the eighteenth century into the West Indies, whence its cultivation spread to the tropics of South America. The plant is an evergreen shrub that bears snow-white flowers, which are replaced by brightred berries, each containing two oval seeds, the "beans" of commerce, with the flat sides together.

Tea As A Drug.

As yet the reformers have not undertaken seriously to consider the problem of tea. It invites their attention because, most unfortunately, it contains a very appreciable percentage of "theine," which is exactly the same thing as caffoine under a different name. Call it which you will, the substance is a stimulant. People ought not to be allowed to use stimulating beverages. There should be a Constitutional amendment forbidding the use of tea.

Too soon, perhaps, to consider that. Let it pass for the moment. In the meantime the Plant Bureau is trying to popularize the use of a new kind of tea plant. It is a bush that grows wild over a vast extent of our territory, in a coastal strip that extends all the way from southern Virginia to Texas. "Cassina" it is called.

Of course, this is only experimental. But the Plant Bureau claims that the leaves of the bush make excellent tea. All that is necessary is to chop off the branches, strip the leaves from them with a jet of live steam, and put the leaves through the same curing process as is used for ordinary tea. The beverage made from them is palatable and stimulating, the "theine" content of the leaves being about the same as that of the every-day tea the housewife buys.

It is to be feared that we Americans are not very critical judges of tea. Our Bureau of Foreign Commerce says that what is considered a good grade in the United States, purchasable at 75 cents a pound, would be regarded in China as suitable for use only by the poor, and worth perhaps 15 cents. Rich folks in that country think nothing of paying $50 a pound for tea.

Teas Rare And Costly.

Recognized commercially in China as the finest is the so-called "virgin" tea, made from only the youngest leaves. In gathering the leaves, care is taken that they shall be touched as little as possible by human hands. They are tied up in tiny packets with silk thread, and, when the drink is brewed, a packet is impaled on an ivory or silver skewer and held in a large cup of thin glass while boiling water is poured into the receptacle.

The rarest and most wonderful of all teas, however, is a variety known as the "white cock's comb," which in the days of Manchu rule was obtainable only by royalty and the high nobility. It was said to be the original tea plant, and to have fallen from Heaven. Not long ago our vice-consul at Foochow obtained seeds of it and sent them to the Plant Bureau, which has succeeded in growing the plants in southern California.

Tea cigarettes are said to have originated in Russia. They are not to be recommended. One of them, if the smoke be inhaled, is said to be equivalent in its effects to ten cups of strong tea. The "theine," taken thus directly into the lungs, and thereby promptly absorbed by the blood, acts as a violent nerve-stimulant and exhilarant. Presently follows a frightful depression and nausea.

Perils Of The Cigarette.

But stay! Shall the cigarette evil be permitted to continue? Not if the Anti-Cigarette League can prevent. That League is already a formidable organization, and its aim is to influence and control legislation. As it frankly says, the abolishment of cigarettes is merely to be an entering wedge; its main and ultimate object is to prohibit the use of tobacco.

People used to make fun of the Anti-Saloon League; they don't do so any longer. Experience has proved that a well-organized and determined minority can put through any sort of legislation it desires. Already the Anti-Cigarette League has obtained legislation which makes the sale of cigarettes unlawful in two states, Kansas and Utah.

The Government Bureau of Mines recently undertook a series of experiments to determine how much poison there really was in tobacco smoke. It had been alleged that tobacco smoke contained much of the deadly carbon monoxide, and that it was otherwise deleterious. The tests were made in a closed room of small size, wherein four men smoked pipes, cigars and stogies until the air was thick with smoke.

Analyses of the smoky air showed that it contained no more carbon monoxide than would the atmosphere of a busy city street with a fair amount of automobile traffic. Tests of the temperature, pulse-rate, and blood-pressure of the "subjects" failed to indicate that the tobacco smoke had affected them materially.

There is in tobacco a distinctly poisonous element called "pyridin," which accumulates in the oily stuff that clogs a pipe or cigarette-holder; but, so far as can be ascertained, it does not injure the smoker. On the other hand, there is in tobacco smoke an appreciable percentage of formaldehyde, a powerful disinfectant, which being a germ-killer, may quite possibly discourage troubles of the nose and throat.

Nicotineless Tobacco.

Tobacco is a nerve-soother. Undeniably, when used to excess, it may irritate the nerves, and even cause chronic nervous troubles. It may interfere with the action of the heart—"tobacco heart" is a complaint not unfamiliar—and, more particularly, in cases where the sufferer has the habit of inhaling cigarette smoke, it may even affect the sight.

But why not nicotineless tobacco? The Government Plant Bureau has come pretty near to producing it already. By breeding processes it has obtained varieties that contain almost no nicotine. It is nicotine that is the objectionable element in tobacco—the alkaloid, peculiar to that plant, which gives to it its stimulating power. The experts of the Plant Bureau have brought down the percentage to a mere trace, and to reduce it to none at all will not be difficult. The tobacco habit is one of the hardest to cure, but to get rid of it would be rendered much easier if the addict could still be permitted to smoke.

Nicotine A Habit-Former.

Nicotine is a colourless liquid, when separated out in a pure state. It looks like water. In a strong cigar there may be as much as 3 per cent. of it; in a mild cigar 2 per cent. or possibly less. Cigarette tobacco usually contains less than 2 per cent.

It is a habit-forming drug as evidenced by the great difficulty experienced by tobacco-users in getting rid of the tobacco habit. For the average man it is much easier to relinquish whisky than to quit tobacco.

The nicotine in tobacco corresponds to the alcohol in whisky and the caffeine in coffee; it is the stimulant. In persons unaccustomed to it, it has the effect of contracting the blood-vessels that surround the heart, thereby producing an effect of nausea and a deathlike faintness. It is in this way that a small boy suffers who tries his first pipe or cigar. The notion that a tobacco is strong in proportion to the percentage of nicotine it contains is a mistake. Some very strong tobaccos are relatively poor in nicotine, their so-called strength consisting in an excess of tarry oil.

Tests Of Tobacco-Burning.

There is no question that a person who inhales cigarette smoke habitually takes into his lungs a good deal of this tarry oil, which, a waste product of combustion, must clog the lung-cells more or less. Incidentally, considerable nicotine must be absorbed, and is likely to be injurious. When a person smokes slowly, the nicotine is burned and driven off in a gaseous state between puffs; the rapid smoker is the great nicotine consumer.

To test the burning quality of tobaccos, the Plant Bureau has devised a machine that smokes four cigars at once. The cigars are held in mouthpieces at the ends of four glass tubes, and the rhythmic breathing of the smoker is counterfeited by a glass jar, a stream of water, and a siphon, periodic exhaustion of air from the jar regulating the pull at intervals of thirty seconds. Thus the machine draws its breath like a man, each inhalation lasting ten seconds.

Tobacco is commonly spoken of as a "narcotic." Inasmuch as that term means sleep-producer, it is obviously misapplied. Tobacco is not a narcotic; it is a stimulant.

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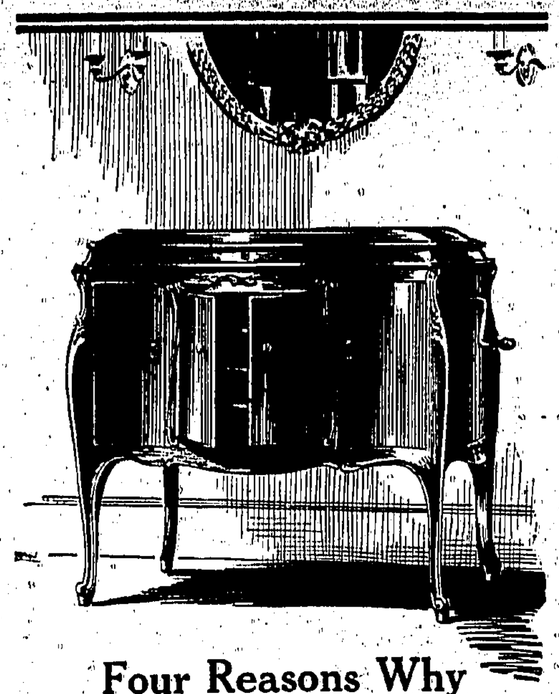

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AN UNPLEASANT PROBLEM.

What is to be done with the Colony's beggars? The question is not an easy one to answer. Some would say ship the lot to Canton, others put them all in jail. But neither course is effective beyond a point. When sent to Canton not a few catch the next steamer back—there is one man who is known to have returned not less than thirty times—and the police tell us they cannot lock up every beggar they find in the street. Yet some action must be taken. Our mendicants represent a serious problem. To the indifferent they are merely an eyesore and a nuisance. But to the charitable they are a distress. What is to be done, asks the kindly resident, as he sees some tragic figure further down the road, a blind man moaning miserably to himself or a pathetic little waif with an infant strapped to her back. What is to be done? To walk stonily past is to be cruel. But to give alms is only to encourage an evil. This is the dilemma that has confronted the pedestrian in every part of the town—Battery Path, Pedder Street and the Praya to name only the more frequented spots. Ladies especially have found the matter trying—to be mobbed by a small gang of filthy urchins, apart from the clamour for alms, is itself an unpleasant ordeal—and it is not surprising that many complaints have reached the police. Unfortunately the police are able to do little more than they have been doing in the past. The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, stated yesterday that the police are constantly arresting beggars but to little purpose, for the reasons already mentioned, that they only return when they are shipped to Canton and it is impossible to lock them all up. Yet as we have said before some further action must be taken if our streets are to be kept free from the blot of unsightly mendicants. Neither of the two remedies that occur most readily to the mind is at all effective. An institution, such as a home on the lines of a workhouse, would speedily be swamped by the hundreds of beggars that would flock to it from across the border. Then what is to be done? We commend the question to our readers and invite them to submit their views. Possibly in this way a solution may be found for what is a very acute and a very unpleasant problem.

Health Hints.

The wisdom of what is known as the Rotary Movement has been demonstrated ere this. Shanghai is a hot centre and has added much to the thought of the northern Settlement by the nature of the speeches made at its various functions. A Doctor Thomas D. Dunn at the last meeting gave points as guidance for keeping well in Shanghai. What he said may not be new and may also apply to such a place as Hongkong. What is needed is someone with the standing and qualifications of Dr. Dunn to give vent to these or other health hints, for Hongkong particularly at a time like the present, when conditions are fast approaching the season of heat. Dr. Dunn's suggestions for a reasonable state of health in Shanghai are:—

1. Plenty of exercise.
2. Hold down the amounts you eat.
3. Drink plenty of pure water, but little of pure alcohol.
4. Keep your smoking down.
5. Eat no cold food in public places.
6. Beware of flies.
7. Be vaccinated against smallpox and inoculated against typhoid.
8. Supervise the health of your servants.
9. Keep your mind free of mental anxiety, for there is no doubt that the man who is upset by worry, fear or anger, is much more likely to be attacked by disease.

The Sanitary Department issues from time to time suggestions for combating the mosquito and typhoid menace. It might well add to its functions by issuing suggestions to the populace the observation of which would be for their well being.

Rum Row.

An Ambassador has been humorously described as a person well able to cloak the truth. It would be more correct to apply the term to politicians. Sir Esme Howard, Britain's Ambassador to America—a tried and trusted servant of his country—does a great service in pricking the bubble of misconception which has continued to float regarding the British attitude towards rum-running. Considered British opinion regarding Prohibition is, we imagine, decidedly against it. No one questions the right of holding such an opinion. Interference in another country's laws can not for a moment be tolerated; and to suggest that whilst the majority of British considered opinion is against Prohibition it is in favour of a number of its own nationals violating the laws of a very friendly country, is as untrue as it is unjust. There will always be adventurers, and more so whilst the prizes are high: and this applies to what is now generally known as "rum-running." Questions ere this have been raised in the House of Commons regarding the operations of at least one titled "buccaneer," and the Government's reply has been quite clear and explicit; it dissociates itself from all such matters, deplores them, and will, so far as it legally and morally can, suppress them. Sir Esme Howard reiterates this in plain and unequivocal language when he says that every decent-minded man and woman of responsibility in England deplores the abuse of the British flag for the purpose of violating the liquor laws of the United States.

POLICE SEARCH.

PORTUGUESE WHO RESISTED.

A FINE OF $25.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Portuguese named J. M. Silva, an employee of a French Bank, was charged with resisting a search for arms at the entrance to the "Star" ferry wharf at 11.40 p.m. yesterday.

An Indian sergeant and Sergeant Dungey gave evidence. The Indian stated that he said to the defendant in English "lift up your hand." Defendant refused, and witness lifted his hands up twice, but was pushed away. The third time he did the same in the presence of the European officer. He then took defendant to the Police Station on instructions given to him.

The defendant denied having refused to be searched. He said that he was ashamed to have the Indian holding him by the arms as people would have thought that he was a criminal or had done something awful.

Remarking that the defendant should know that the police have a right to search him, the Magistrate imposed a fine of $25.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS PROSPECTS.

NUCLEUS OF NEW BUSINESS.

Another new Company held its first annual meeting this morning, this being the China Underwriters, Ltd., and the nucleus of what is anticipated to be an extensive Fire, Marine and Life buisness was reported.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided over the meeting amongst others present being Messrs. Li Tse-fong, C. P. Marcel, Mok Ching-kong, C. A. da Roza, Tsang Foo, members of the Consulting Committee, also W. J. Carroll, Fung Tat-hang, D. W. Munton, Tong Hok-tin, H. H Taylor, F. M. Crawford, R. Farrant, Company, Manager and Secretary, R. F. Mattingley, Co. Solicitor.

The Chairman said:—The Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1924 having been in your hands for some days I will, with your permission dispense with reading them now.

This is our first year of business, but it takes more than twelve months to organise and get into full working order a Company such as this. We have had to choose and appoint Agents in various parts of the world, and this part of the work is by no means finished yet.

With regard to Fire and Marine business, no time was lost, as we were able to commence business very soon after the Company was registered. Mr. Roydon Farrant, who had been in charge of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co's Insurance Department, was appointed Manager and Secretary of the Company and the the very good nucleus of business formerly transacted by that department was taken over by us smoothly and without delay. With the Life Department, however, we had to start from the very beginning with no previous good-will to fall back on. Fortunately we were able to secure at once the services, as Actuary of the Company, of Mr. H. R. Sturt, F.I.A., who has had a long experience in Life Assurance Business in the Far East.

Our Actuary arrived in the Colony at the end of June, and by the middle of August we were in a position to issue life policies. In view of the very short time covered by the accounts the new business figures are, in his opinion, very satisfactory and moreover the premium income in this branch has more than doubled since the date of the account.

The expense of procuring Life Business falls mainly in the first year and in addition, in the case of a new Company, the cost of establishing a Head Office organisation and Agencies has to be borne before they become productive. It is probable, therefore, that the expenses in this Branch will exceed the revenue for at least another twelve months, and it is unlikely that an actuarial profit will be shown for some few years.

The Actuary assures us that he is quite satisfied with the organisation so far, and is of opinion that the cost of establishment has been light, effective arrangements having been made for writing Life Assurance Business in Hongkong and District and Agencies having been established in Shanghai, Tientsin, Straits Settlements, Ceylon and Burma.

In Shanghai, where there is a good field for Life Assurance Business, the following gentlemen have agreed to form a Local Advisory Board:—Messrs. A. D. Bell, C. M. G. Burnie, A. C. Clear, S. Fessenden.

The figures for Fire and Marine Business speak for themselves, and they show the position so far as we can estimate it at the date of the accounts, after holding back 60 per cent. of the Marine premium income and 40 per cent. of the Fire premium income to meet possible losses on risks which have not yet run out. By doing this we show an estimated shortage so far, but on the other hand we hope that $71,543.32 will prove a liberal allowance for remaining claims (if any).

You will observe that our Fire and Marine expenses for the year as compared with our premium income, have been considerable, and although a large portion of the amounts appearing could be treated as organisation expenses, we prefer to put them all against revenue, and trust you will agree to this.

A part of the expenditure we we had to meet during the year under review could fairly have been spread over a period of say three years if it had been thought advisable. Our expense ratio will, in future, undoubtedly decrease in proportion with the revenue.

I now have pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and after this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

The report and accounts were adopted on the proposition of the Chairman, second by Mr. F. M. Crawford.

The election of the following to serve on the Consulting Committee was proposed by Mr W. J. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Fung Tat-hang and carried:—Messrs. A. Cameron, C. P. Marcel, C. A. da Roza, Li Tse-fong, Mok Ching-kong, and Tsang Foo.

Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were appointed auditors for the year on the proposition of Mr. D. W. Munton seconded by Mr. Tong Hok-ting.

TO-DAY'S SMILE.

"Axel is the worst man I know. I told him that father's partner was stealing all father's money—and he asked me if I could introduce him to father's partner's daughter!"—*Kasper, Stockholm.*

WEDNESDAY'S PRETTY NAVAL WEDDING.

Photo by Mee Fong.

Group taken outside No. 804, The Peak, residence of Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, at the reception after the fashionable wedding on Wednesday afternoon, at the Peak Church, of Lieut.-Commander Ronald Leeds, R.N. of H.M.S. Hawkins, and Miss Betty Dawson of Shanghai. Mr. Hornell gave the bride away. Mrs. Hornell is a sister of the bride. Another sister, Miss Susan Dawson, was bridesmaid. Mrs. H. G. Hillyard, wife of the Kongmoon Commissioner of Customs, is another sister and they are both in the group. Lieut.-Commander Middleton, R.N., attended as "best man."

HOMEWARD BOUND.

KING AND QUEEN IN PARIS.

HONOUR FOR PREMIER.

President's Distinguished Luncheon Party.

After cruising in the Mediterranean in the Royal yacht Albert and Victoria for His Majesty to recover his health, the King and Queen are now on their way back to England.

PAINLEVE DECORATED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 24.

The King has decorated the Premier of France, M. Painleve, with the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order.

M. PAUL PAINLEVE.

[M. Paul Painleve, who was Prime Minister of France from September to November in 1917, became Premier again only a few weeks ago following the fall of M. Herriot owing to the financial crisis. M. Painleve is a distinguished French statesman. The son of a lithographic artist, he studied science and published a book when 21 years of age. He became Professor at the Faculty of Science, Lille, and seven years later went to the Sorbonne. He is the youngest member of the Academy. He is a famous mathematician and scientist.]

Paris, April 24.

The King and Queen lunched with the President, M. Doumergue at the Elysee. The Earl and Countess of Crewe, M. and Mme. Herriot, M. Painleve, M. Briand, M. and Mme. Poincare, Marshal and Mme. Joffre, Marshal Foch, M. Franchet d'Esperey, M. Jules Cambon, and M. Marcel Prevost were also present.

[The Earl of Crewe is British Ambassador to France. M. Herriot is President of the Senate. M. Briand is Minister of Foreign Affairs. M. Poincare is a former Premier. Marshals Joffre and Foch are great war leaders, and M. Cambon is a former Ambassador to Britain.]

EARLIER CABLES.

Paris, April 24.

Their Majesties the King and Queen, proceeding homeward, arrived here this morning. They were recieved by the Marquess of Crewe.

The newspapers printed lengthy articles, warmly welcoming the visit and congratulate the King on his recovery.

Their Majesties are staying in Paris incognito at their own request and consequently no representative of the French Government was present at the station.

The crowd was mostly British who cheered their Majesties' arrival at the British Embassy, from where they drove to the Elysee.

The King is in excellent health. He laid a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe this afternoon.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, April 24.

The Executive Committee of the Red International Trade Unions has passed a resolution welcoming the results of the recent Anglo-Russian conference in London, appealing for world-wide support for an aim at international Trade Union unity. The Rosta Agency states a decree has been issued facilitating the engaging of agricultural workers by farmers and permitting the non-observance of the eight-hour day in certain seasons. Furthermore the Government has prepared a bill permitting the opening of private industrial enterprises, employing no more than twenty people upon notice being given to the authorities. Enterprises with no more than 200 workers will be allowed to open, subject to permission from the district authorities. But those employing more people must obtain a special Government concession.

BELGIUM'S POLITICS.

(Reuter's Service.)

BRUSSELS, April 24.

M. Van Dryelde has informed the King that he is unable to form a Cabinet.

PORTUGAL'S PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

According to a Reuter cable from Lisbon to-day, the President of Portugal, Senhor Manoel Texeira Gomez, G.B.E., has resigned. Senhor Gomez assumed office on October 6, 1923. His resignation may possibly be due to the recent political troubles which culminated in an abortive attempt to overthrow the Government.

MINERS TRAPPED.

Another Terrible Disaster.

ALL HOPE GONE.

SEVENTEEN MEN BEYOND RESCUE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WALLACE, IDAHO, April 24.

Seventeen miners have been trapped at the 3,000 foot level of the Becia mine.

All hope of rescue has been abandoned as the rescuers who brought up three men alive from the 1,000 foot level yesterday, report that below that level the mine is full of poisonous gases.

BACK TO GOLD?

STERLING'S NOTABLE RISE.

HIGHEST SINCE 1915.

(Reuter's Service.)

NEW YORK, April 24.

Sterling has risen to 4.89⅝ the highest since 1915.

This is due to heavy buying in anticipation that Mr. Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will announce Britain's return to the gold standard in the Budget speech on April 28.

A report is current that the Bank of England has reached agreement with the New York Federal Reserve Bank under which the latter will extend the open market for operations to purchase sterling bills whenever called upon, thus enabling the Bank of England to sell sterling bills on the local market instead of shipping gold whenever the exchange has temporarily moved against England.

SHOT DEAD.

ANOTHER CONSPIRATOR KILLED.

COMMUNIST TROUBLES

(Reuter's Service.)

SOFIA, April 24.

Ivan Manoff, a member of the secret committee of the Bulgarian communist Party refused to surrender to the police and was shot dead.

[General Rousseff, Minister for the Interior, told a party of Foreign Newspaper correspondents that evidence in the possession of the Government showed that Communist societies in Moscow and others places were in close touch with organised bands all over Bulgaria, the members of which were drawing a monthly subsidy from their taskmasters of the Kremlin, with a bonus for each crime committed. The total number of arrests had not exceeded 1500. The struggle against anarchy would be carried on unitedly. Bulgaria desired peace but was forced to fight the spectre of Communism. He appealed to the civilised world for moral support in the hour of trial and suffering.]

GERMAN ELECTION.

VIRULENT CAMPAIGN CONCLUDED.

REMARKABLE INCIDENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, April 24.

The extraordinarily virulent Presidential campaign which is very likely to produce the closest voting on April 26 concluded with broadcast speeches by Dr. Marx and Marshal Hindenburg. The former emphasised the need for democracy and peaceful development in Europe.

The Marshal, who has taken little personal part in the campaign, strongly appealed to Nationalist Sentiment. He promised to recognise that Germany lost the war and must bear the consequences thereof, but must not remain slaves forever.

Monarchist and Republican flags were equally evident in Berlin.

Fifty excited meetings were held in the capital yesterday.

Herr Ebert, son of the late President, had the temerity to call out "Long live the Republic!" at a Monarchist meeting.

He was promptly arrested by the police who inflicted the usual truncheoning before releasing him.

Warsaw, April 24.—The three agreements between Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, namely Commercial, Arbitration and Liquidation have been signed by M. Benes, who has departed for Prague.—Reuter.

MISSING BACILLI.

SENSATIONAL MURDER CHARGES.

A MILLIONAIRE'S DEATH.

An Anonymous Letter to the Police.

New York.

The death of William McClintock, the young "millionaire orphan" of Chicago, last December, had a sensational sequel, when Dr. Charles Faiman, the proprietor of the School of Bacteriology, identified William Shepherd, McClintock's guardian, as a former pupil, and charged him with stealing three test tubes filled with typhus bacilli.

McClintock died of typhoid fever. Shepherd stoutly denies all the charges, but consented to remain in the custody of the Public Prosecutor for further questioning after the State Attorney had threatened to arrest him on a charge of murder if he demanded freedom pending an action by a grand jury. Following McClintock's death an anonymous letter received by the police caused them to exhume the body for a post-mortem examination, but the autopsy corroborated the death certificate that the young millionaire died of typhoid. Public interest was aroused by stories that Miss Isabelle Pope, McClintock's fiancée, had been kept from McClintock's bedside during his illness, and that, having obtained a marriage licence, she determined to marry him as soon as he recovered consciousness. The Public Prosecutor discontinued the investigation for lack of evidence, but the doctor's story has reopened the case. According to Dr. Faiman, Shepherd wrote a year ago inquiring the terms for a course in bacteriology. Subsequently Shepherd, according to Dr. Faiman, attended the school, representing himself to be a lawyer seeking a course in what he termed criminal bacteriology. During the four days he studied under Dr. Faiman, the doctor said Shepherd made inquiries how typhoid germs could be administered to a living person without leaving a trace of the manner in which it was done. After Shepherd left, Dr. Faiman declared, he missed his tubes of germs, and when he accused Shepherd of the theft he alleges the latter laughed and replied, "You'll be taken care of." Later, according to Dr. Faiman, Shepherd requested that his letter of application be taken from Dr. Faiman's files and returned to him, and this was done for a consideration of £10. Shepherd denies ever seeing Dr. Faiman prior to two weeks ago. Under McClintock's will Shepherd receives an estate valued approximately at £200,000.

McCLINTOCK DEATH INQUIRY.

MRS. J. G. DAVIDSON, ASST. STATE'S ATTY. LEVY & MISS RUBY PEEL

Mrs. James G. Davidson and Miss Ruby Peel, acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Shepherd, the former under indictment for murder in connection with the mysterious death of William N. McClintock, the "millionaire orphan," whose estate Shepherd inherited, were questioned in Chicago by State's Attorney Harry Levy, regarding their knowledge of circumstances leading up to the illness and death of young McClintock.

RUM ROW EVIL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.

The St. George's Day dinner provided the British Ambassador with an opportunity of correcting misconceptions in America in connection with the British attitude towards rum running and the drug questions. Sir Esme Howard said

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that every decent minded man and the man of responsibility in England deplored the abuse of the British flag for the purpose of violating the liquor laws of the United States. He added that though some arrests had been made, which he was of opinion were not quite within the terms of the Liquor Treaty, the British Government had refrained from protesting in view of the nature of the offences. In connection with the opium trade, Sir Esme said it was absurd to say that the Government of India was actuated by financial considerations. The Ambassador assessed India's opium revenue at three per centum of the total, or about eight cents annually a head.

FRANCE'S NAVY.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, April 24.

The Chamber of Deputies voted a credit of 35,000,000 francs as the first instalment for building a light cruiser, three destroyers, four torpedo boats and a number of small craft, the keels of which were laid down in 1925.

The ships form part of a programme the Government shortly submits to Parliament. The work is being pushed on to avoid unemployment in the shipyards and arsenals.

Warsaw, April 24.—The political Police of the eastern borderlands have arrested several hundred communists on a charge of planning terrorist outrages on May Day. A considerable quantity of explosives was also seized, together with large sums of foreign currency, alleged to emanate from Soviet emissaries, several of whom have also been arrested.—Reuter.

Port Said, April 24.—The s.s. Rhesus, which collided with the M. V. Canton on April 19 has decided to reload her cargo, discharged at Port Said, and is now proceeding to Alexandria where she will discharge sufficient cargo to enable her to be dry-docked. Afterwards the cargo will be re-shipped, the damaged portion to be re-conditioned at Alexandria.—Reuter.

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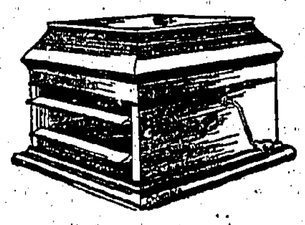

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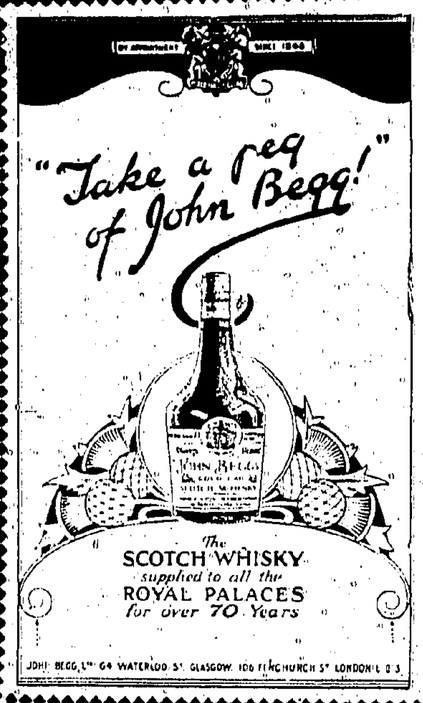

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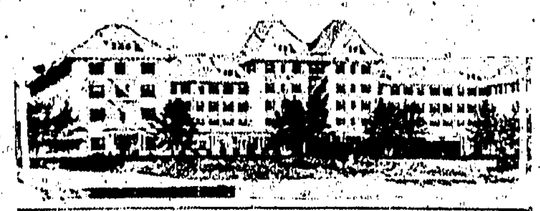


THE BREAKERS HOTEL, PALM BEACH.

Fire in Palm Beach, Florida's Winter resort, which caused damage amounting to £1,000,000 and jeopardized the lives of some of America's wealthiest society people, including Mrs. William K. Dick, formerly Mrs. John Jacob Astor, laid waste the famous Breakers Hotel, the Palm Beach Hotel and numerous business houses, and for a time threatened the Royal Poinciana, the largest resort hotel in the world.

FEEDING A TORNADO-TORN TOWN.

SOUP WAGONS IN MURPHYSBORO, ILL.

Soup canteens were opened in Murphysboro, Illinois, the chief sufferer from the cyclone which ravaged twenty towns in the middle west. The many workers engaged in finding the dead, caring for the injured, and beginning the work of reconstruction flocked to these food wagons, as most of the restaurants were destroyed.

Globe Trotter.

NICK MALLY

Nick Mally, five-year-old Italian, claims the distinction of being the youngest globe trotter in the world. He has travelled from one end of Europe to the other several times, accompanied by his father, and speaks Italian, French and German. He is contemplating a trip to the Far East.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.

Above: BILLY BURKE & MRS. J. F. A. CECIL
Below: CHARLES A. STONEHAM & CHARLES S. DENEEN.

Charles A. Stoneham, millionaire stock broker and majority stockholder in the New York Giants, has been acquitted by a jury in New York on charges of conspiracy and using the mails to defraud. Billie Burke, famous actress, in private life Mrs. Florenz Ziegfeld, wife of the noted theatrical producer, was seriously injured in a motor car accident. Ex-Governor Charles S. Deneen, of Illinois, was appointed by Governor Len Small to fill the five-day unexpired term of the late United States Senator Medill McCormick. Mrs. John Francis Amherst Cecil, the former Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, wife of the former First Secretary of the British Embassy in Washington, has given birth to a son, George Henry Vanderbilt Cecil, at Biltmore House, the magnificent estate she inherited from her father, the late George Vanderbilt.

Big Game Hunt.

KERMIT & THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

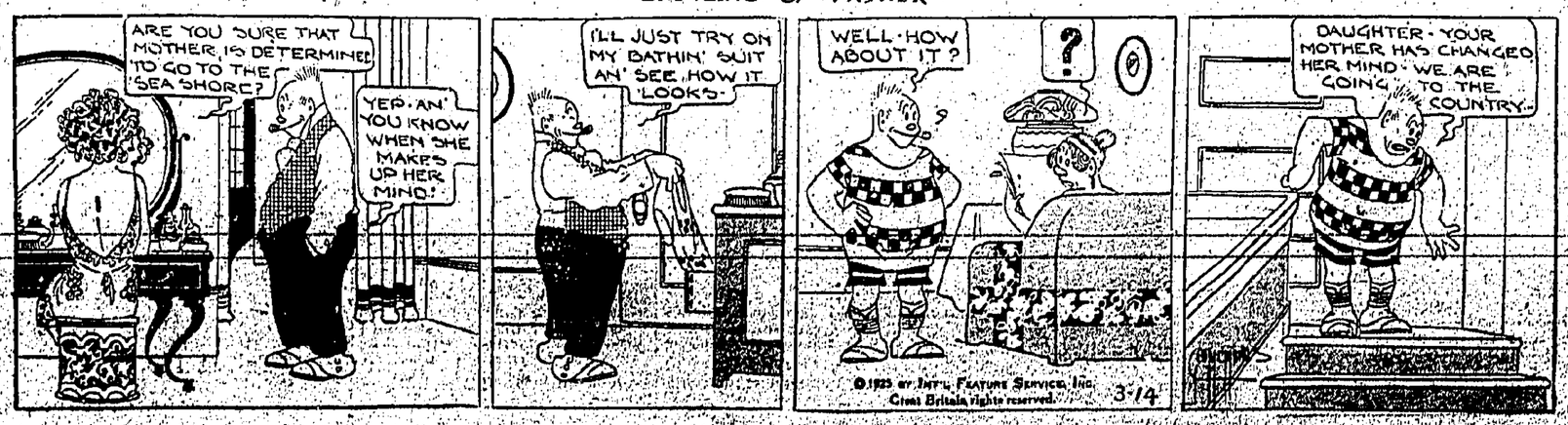
Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his brother, Captain Kermit Roosevelt, sons of the late Theodore Roosevelt, will leave early in April on a hunting expedition into Turkestan in the interests of the Field Museum of Chicago. They will try to get specimens of the long-haired tiger, markor, yarkland stag, and almost fabulous "ovis poli," precursor of the mountain goat.

LEADING ACTORS IN CHICAGO'S $1,000,000 POISON MYSTERY.

Above: MRS. FAIMAN IN LABORATORY & FAIMAN CONFESSES
Below: MRS. W. D. SHEPHERD, MRS. WM. McCLINTOCK, SR. & MRS. LOUISE FAIMAN

Dr. Charles C. Faiman, head of the National University of Sciences, a bacteriological institution, is shown here making the confession which resulted in indictments for first degree murder being returned against him and William D. Shepherd, whom he implicated in the death of William N. McClintock, the "millionaire orphan," whose estate Shepherd inherited. Faiman alleged he aided Shepherd in accomplishing McClintock's death by supplying him with typhoid germs, in return for which he said he was to get $100,000. Shepherd has denied all Faiman's assertions. Dr. Faiman is shown with Assistant State's Attorney John Sharbaro and K. A. Sheeder, stenographer. Upon the death of Mrs. William McClintock, Sr., mother of the dead man, "Billy" was placed in the care of Shepherd and his wife, his foster-parents. As a result of the expose, Mrs. McClintock's body will be exhumed and search made for traces of poison. The laboratory shown is that of Dr. Faiman's school, where Shepherd is charged with having taken a week's course in germ study. Mrs. Louise Faiman, wife of the indicted doctor, is shown at the microscope. It is expected that Mrs. Faiman will be called to the stand as a witness in the murder trial. "Billy" McClintock's favourite portrait of his foster-mother, Mrs. Shepherd, is shown above.

BRINGING UP FATHER



THE VALUE OF THE ONE PIECE DRESS

It is Not a Matter of Speculation, for it is Assured—But Dominant Themes Are of Very Special Interest This Season.

Whether a mode be in its incipient state, or settled for the short duration of its particular season, one is always assured of the firmly entrenched position of that old stand-by, the one-piece dress. We make no pretence of discarding it, although we rarely give it a thought, we have become so accustomed to its convenience and never varying smartness. Even when formidable rivals are put forth, rivals that have more than a deal of comfort and elegance, they make no perceptible difference in the popularity of the frock that may be slipped on over one's head with few, if any, fastenings to come undone. Convenience is its first, last and middle name.

At this particular time of the year the one-piece dress is smartly prominent, for it is the beginning of spring—a time when change is imminent, and, in a way, imperative. Warm days demand clothes of a lighter weight; the winter coat of fur or heavy fabric is discarded; the summer-weight coat is the thing, and with it, by virtue of its appropriateness, goes the one-piece dress. This happens both spring and fall, but for several seasons past we have been working up to what is known as the costume ensemble, which includes a dress as a two part division of a three part whole.

While we may not, perhaps, give it a value of twice the coat, it shows that this garment has become doubled in its importance, since it complements both the separate coat and the suit coat. And the parts are interchangeable. So wide is the variety from which one may select that the three-piece suit may be supplemented with other frocks, and the separate coat may be so perfectly matched to a dress that it becomes an ensemble suit. This—by reason of the variety in fabrics, colours and shades of colours.

Tendencies Crowd Out Realities.

Even when a mode is, apparently, settled, there are always tendencies threatening the realities. We no sooner feel sure of a waistline, a neckline, a skirt or a sleeve length, than the one or the other goes up or goes down, or changes its direction. It is fashion's way of keeping our interest, without which she could not exist. Behind closed doors the most eminent designers work feverishly to undermine the very modes that they created and launched; and looms are busy and dye-pots bubbling in the interests of a mode to come.

And practically every whim of the designer is reflected in the one-piece dress. It may have little to do with coat fabrics, although it has something at this time, for the fabric of the coat suit may trim the dress and the fabric of the latter line the coat. As an example of this, a costume suit of charmeen has a coat of the latter lined with fine French faille; the dress—of the faille—has appliques of the charmeen down the front and ornamenting the smart patch pockets. And yet—the coat is so individualized that it may be worn with any harmonizing one-piece frock.

It is necessary that only a brief reference be made to fabrics and colours, although they are by no means a lesser part of the mode. It is just that there are so many of the latter and such a satisfying variety in the former, that one may choose as she will, but lines are rather more definite—as, too are details of both lines and trimmings. And the trend of everything that goes to make up the mode is toward a certain smart youthfulness that is indescribable.

First Of All, Know Yourself!

Acceptance of the prescribed mode should not mean thoughtlessness, but should inspire to a better knowledge of one's self in relation to it. And when there is a wide variety of really chic styles, that embody more than one interpretation of each separate detail, there is little excuse for the incorrect choice. The slender, the plump, the stout, the short, the tall may all be not only pleased, but becomingly and correctly clad. How, then?

The silhouette, in a very general way, is slender, especially when at rest. But in movement it becomes evident that slenderness does not always mean a narrow skirt, for fullness, cleverly concealed, appears. If you can stand a broadening of your hemline, when you walk, then there is much of beauty in the fashion; if you cannot, you should keep to the straight and narrow way, and both are fashion. Your skirt length should be as short as you can wear it.

No matter what your height or build, there are waistlines enough to assure you the most satisfactory line from shoulder to waist—wherever you desire to place it. It may be at your hips; at your normal waistline, high or absent altogether. The undoubted tendency toward a higher waistline will have its followers, but like every really trying fashion, it will not rule the mode to the exclusion of the more familiar and generally becoming low lines.

Sleeves are long or short, necklines are high or low. The latter are either pointed or squared, when low and trimmed. The former have so many clever variations, when they elect to be long, that they demand representation in every group of models. The sleeveless frock is everywhere, but women are thinking twice before adopting it, making sure of its appropriateness to their own build. Only the slender, well-rounded arm should dispense with its sleeve, but other arms will, no doubt, continue to do so.

And Now We Come To Details.

Even on the much-liked black satin frock—satin is having a temporary vogue, you know—there appears an accent of colour, in scarf; touch of applique or embroidery, piping or vivid tie. Both colour and fabric may be classed as details, as well as fundamentals, for they have much to do with the ornamentation of the mode. Peasant sleeves of chiffon—the cuffs gay with colour—are a smart treatment; the use of dyed laces on afternoon frocks rival the smartness of ecru lace; artificial flowers lend a colour touch.

The pictured models stress details even as they show us fabrics and colours and the essentials of the mode. The flame red corn-flower print finds the plain red attractive for the extremely clever scarf sleeves that are a whim of the moment, and finds tassels amusing. Another use of the scarf for sleeves and collar individualizes the model of black crepe with its striking appliques of white crepe. Note the overdrape; the uneven hemline, and the bound button holes.

Proving the extremes to which fashion goes in her endeavour to establish a reputation for versatility, we have the bouffant frock of gray rep—"silver-spray" the shade—with a clever use of tinted lace and embroideries. The slit blouse, strapped and buckled down with steel buckles over a fichu of the lace, is odd, and one notes the ruffled sleeves. Not an easy frock for the average woman to wear, for it belongs to youth, and slender youth, at that.

The influence of the cross-word puzzle craze was sure to reach the fashion world, and one does not mind it, if one is not expected to solve it. It may even solve your problem, if you are looking for something different in a print. A tunic overdress, with wide, full flounce, over a straightline slip permits the fabric to trim itself, with the exception of collar and sleeve bands of plain fabric. And there is a piping down the front and along the upper edge of the hem—to match!

Runner up for the popularity of the one-piece frock, we have the smart jumper dress of henna crepe that fringes the edges of the shirt worn over the finely pleated skirt. It serves its purpose in the interests of variety, but has no chance of ousting the *popular stand-by. That is not, really,* the question. The latter resolves itself into the problem of a variety sufficiently wide to satisfy. For this season, at least, "satisfaction is guaranteed."

REMEMBER—WHEN BUYING HOSIERY.

That full-fashioned hose, which are best for all purposes, have a triangular shaped section at the very end of the toe and less fabric knit under the instep.

They have fashioning marks at each side of the heel and under the calf of the leg, as well as just beneath the garter welt at the top.

There is always a gap or opening inside the garter welt, which makes this top more elastic.

While many of the features of the full-fashioned hose are imitated on circular knit hosiery, a little study will prove how easily the differences may be detected.

The outstanding shoe fashion of the moment is the two-colour pump. Sometimes the vamp is different from the rest of the shoe, and at times the second colour takes the form of an applique on the first.

Why Not Remodel It?

And by "It" is meant the frock that has outlived its novelty and freshness, but not its usefulness so far as fabric is concerned; the frock that everyone knows, but that has still a deal of "wear" left in it. And this year there need be not even a minute's hesitation as to whether the making over of such a garment is worth while, since the mode provides a dozen and one different ways of changing its appearance and giving it an entirely new lease of life.

First of all, fashion is predisposed to a very general use of fabrics and colours in combination—two of the former or two of the latter, or both. And working in exactly the opposite direction from what would be expected, the most radical changes make remodelling easiest. And there are radical changes everywhere—skirt length and width; sleeves; the neckline—but such and everyone of them can be achieved from the old.

It's a very simple matter to shorten the skirt, far simpler than to lengthen it, and a widened skirt, or the semblance of it, may be achieved in several ways, chief among them the use of godets and inverted pleats. The neckline, which is, probably, bateau, may be built up, with a yoke effect into a high neck—if that is a becoming style for you; or it may be made higher, and the piecing covered by a collar in some becoming shape. It is possible, when the neck is not too low, to split the blouse in front forming revers that may be faced with a contrasting colour or fabric.

And the sleeveless dress may acquire sleeves—plain, bishop, flowing or cuffed in one of the many smart ways. And the appearance of the dress may be changed entirely by the use of a vestee, a plastron or a yoke. All these changes may be made with another fabric, matching in texture but not in shade or colour, or by the use of a print, a plaid, or some novelty pattern. Consider a frock in some shade of brown changed by the use of one or two shades of the same colour, aping the ombre idea. Two dresses that harmonize in texture and colour may be worked over into a jumper outfit—there need be no waste, this year.

Two old favourites have returned to the embroidery field, and we are welcoming chenille and wool back to the fold. The latter, especially, is favoured, being used in the Russian, Czecho-Slovakian, Bulgarian and Hungarian embroideries that are so popular.

REPLACING THE FURS OF WINTER

Fur, like felt, belongs to every month of the year. It is a winter fabric and trimming; it is in use through the summer as a material and an embellishment; it is of an importance that is hardly realized until one becomes analytical and studies it in its general relation to the mode. Gone the day when a fur coat was treasured from year to year with only occasional necessary repairs and only rarely the luxury of remodelling.

But the modern wardrobe includes a fur coat as a matter of course, while the more luxurious collection of clothes may include several. The furs that are favoured for sports wear have little in common with the peltries that fashion

For Early Spring Wear The Fur Jacquette Is A Comfortable Rival To The Fabric Coat.

the dress coat, and the latter may be made up of several kinds of skins that are not recognized for formal evening wear. As a result of the rapidly increasing demand for skins, the problem of purchase is made extremely complicated, for in at least eight cases out of ten an offering is not what it seems, and there is nothing at all in a name.

The grande dame of a century ago knew mink, seal, sable, otter, marten and ermine; but she would be wholly bewildered in the fur shop of to-day, and any distinction between pelts would have to be made by the salesman. For furs, when they are really good, are comparatively expensive; and should, like diamonds, be chosen carefully, at a shop where the buyer has implicit confidence in the reputation of the shop itself. And while there is little, if any, need of an exhaustive knowledge of furs in general, there should be an adequate knowledge of the furs one has in mind to buy.

Perhaps the ermine coat, that is really nothing but weasel, will be quite as satisfactory to the wearer, as the genuine fur; if she never finds out about it; but there is always the possibility that some friendly enemy will know—and say! It is so with any imitation, for even though its perfection may be the sincerest flattery to the skill of the worker in fur, it is not a credit to the wisdom of the buyer.

Summer furs include the fur coat and the scarf of fur, apart from the skins that are used for trimming. The fur coat is usually in the form of a jacquette, introducing, and bowing out the real summer season; its use through July and August is somewhat limited. With the spring suit and the one-piece street frock the fur scarf comes into its own, and especially this year when the neckline of the average suit coat—as well as the coat for general wear—is extremely tailored.

The fur scarf varies but little, from season to season, in its styling, so it is quite possible for one to invest a considerable sum in it with very little apprehension as to its future appropriateness. These scarfs come in one, two and three-piece styles, the price depending on the number and quality of the skins. And that one may be sure her Russian sable is not dyed fitch, or her squirrel scarf cleverly treated rabbit, it is well to proceed with care.

Since it is not the privilege of the average woman to invest hundreds of dollars in a comparatively brief Russian sable neckpiece, it is well to know that dyed fitch makes a handsome substitute, and is not so cheap, at that, a really splendid imitation costing more than some of the genuine furs that are considered both smart and fairly costly.

For your general information it is not only interesting, but wise to know, that what are known as winter rabbit skins are made into excellent imitations of beaver, nutria and even seal; and there is a good profit in the business of raising rabbits for this purpose. Any kind of a goat or a sheep that has curly hair is made into broadtail, caracul or Persian lamb; it is even hinted that when the hair does not curl it is treated to a more or less permanent wave.

Hare is substituted for fox; kolinsky and weasel masquerade as sable, and prairie dogs become minks when they get into the furrier's hands. But do not despise the imitations! It is only when you buy the latter and pay a price that would purchase the real thing that you may feel that you have been not only deceived, but abused, and if you find it in an imitation, it is none the less a beauty.

The possession of a coat or scarf that cost a very great deal of money is something of a care, as well as an expense—for repairs, remodelling, storage during the months it is not worn. There is both joy and satisfaction in the garment or piece that one may wear with an assurance of its smart becomingness and without fear for its safety. There is a path midway between the real and expensive and the cheap and tawdry. One does not have contempt for the good imitation—she may own and be proud of it. But she should know it is an imitation when she buys it.

The Tailored Neckline Of Both Suit And One-Piece Dress Makes The Fur Scarf Imperative.

DID YOU KNOW—

THAT so much a part of the costume has the scarf become that the attention of designers is now directed to its uses? And just now, to be smart, you must knot your scarf about your throat in a big floppy loop over the shoulder.

THAT a new hat, with soft, adjustable brim and crown, is made of grosgrain ribbon in two-tone combination? They come in several styles and show novel stitchings of metal and silk in scrolls, squares and lattice designs.

THAT wool jersey, much improved as to texture, is being sponsored as a rival to the more recent *flannels and kasha* cloths? It is used in many of the most charming interpretations of the two-piece costume that is a sports mode vogue.

THAT, speaking of sports, the newest purse is designed specially for wear with sports attire? It has all the necessary fittings, even including a place for cigarettes, and folds neatly to the size of one's pocket.

THAT the very loveliest of the frocks and blouses for spring feature hand work? It may be embroidery, of silk, wool, chenille or beads; but it is more than likely to be hemstitching or the newly popular fagoting.

THAT gloves and hosiery are again forming a combination, adding another ensemble to the many that are popular? And when one is so inclined, the shoes may prove an exception to the rule of "Three's a crowd."

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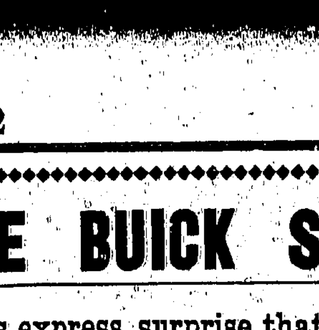

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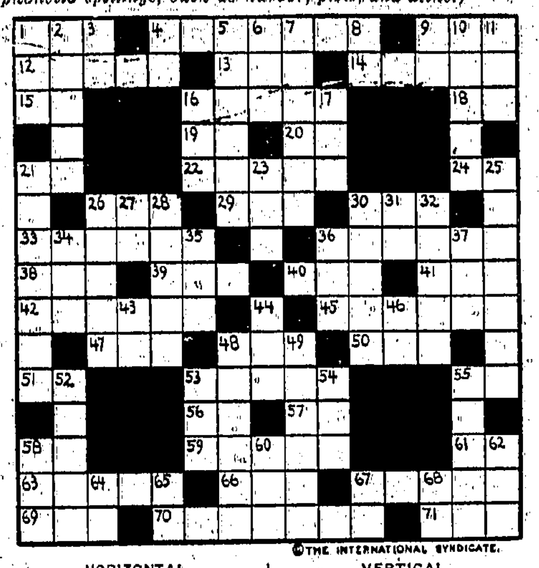
CHINA MAIL'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(These cross-word puzzles have been made by experts but our readers are warned to watch out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1—A card
4—Getting clean
9—Kind of fly
12—Wrathful
13—Build out
14—Musical entertainment
15—Parent (abbr.)
16—Intended
18—Printer's measurement
19—Medical man (abbr.)
20—Advertisement (abbr.)
21—Per
22—Glens
24—Where Washington is located (abbr.)
26—Deep hole
29—Sister (abbr.)
30—Cut short
33—Hesitate
36—Miscellaneous goods sold in a lot
38—Expression of impatience
39—Slight explosion
40—Bag
41—Part of verb "to be"
42—Language of a far eastern tribe
45—Signify
47—Shell which failed to explode
48—Fruit pulp
50—Alkaline solution
51—Upon
53—Dragged by force
55—Initials of a famous American
56—Indefinite article
57—Thus
58—Prefix meaning "two"
59—Condition
61—Western State (abbr.)
63—Wrongs
66—Before
67—Decree
69—A number
70—Commanded
71—Behold

VERTICAL

1—Goal
2—Insane
3—Each (abbr.)
4—You and I
5—Steeples
6—A bad actor (slang)
7—Conceived as perfect (pl.)
8—Leave
9—Exist
10—Mountain nymph
11—Reddish brown
16—Sum up
17—Doctor of Dental Surgery (abbr.)
21—An American animal
23—Cover
25—One who furnishes service
26—Implore
27—Pronoun
28—Warm
30—Pertaining to a fixed place
31—Prefix toward; to
32—Shallow vessel
34—Tune
35—Legendary bird of prey
36—A preserve
37—Raw metal
43—Abbr. for unit of dry measure
44—Close friend
46—Suffix Ten: a termination of numerals
48—Breathed like a hot dog
49—Annoy
52—Ingenuously piquant
53—Possesses
54—Female deer
55—A very short time
58—Wager
60—Part of verb "to be"
62—Corroded
64—At home
65—Thus
67—Man's name (abbr.)
68—Exists

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail" along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

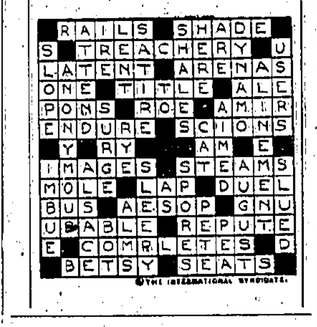
LOCAL & GENERAL.

Sidney C. Schwartzkopf, a Manila lawyer, who was charged on April 15 on remand with the embezzlement of two sums of money amounting to P.146,197.10, altered his original plea of not guilty to one of guilty. Judge Concepcion sentenced him to 1 years 8 months and 21 days' imprisonment on each of the two charges, and ordered him to pay back the amount embezzled to its owners, the Fulton Iron Works of St. Louis.

In accordance with section 168 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, it is notified that the Government proposes to erect a Public Latrine on the Praya East Reclamation, North North West of Observation Place and about 200 feet from the Old Praya Wall. If any owner or occupier in the immediate vicinity of such site objects to such erection, such objection must be sent in writing to the Colonial Secretary so as to reach his office not later than Monday, May 4, 1925.

Notice is given that the Governor proposes to make an order under the Streets (Alteration) Ordinance, 1923, for the closing of Middle Road, Kowloon, from the South-east corner of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 414 to its junction with Salisbury and Chatham Roads. Any person objecting to the proposed order must send his objection in writing to the Colonial Secretary so as to reach the office of the Colonial Secretary not later than the 11th day of May, 1925. Such objection must state the reasons therefor and specify the property with regard to the ownership of occupation of which such objection is made and the interest therein of the objector.

YESTERDAL'S SOLUTION.



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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. A G. Stephen is sailing for Paris to meet her two daughters there.

In talking of unemployment Miss Bondfield, speaking at a meeting in Leeds, advised her hearers to take in the "Board of Trade Gazette." "It will make you far wiser than you are," she said, "and make some of your drawing-room conversations more tolerable."

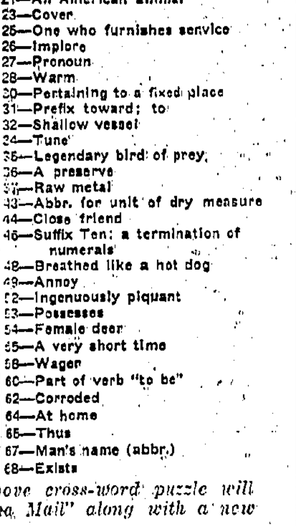
Mrs. Alice Cleavin, of West Nook, Sefton Road, Morecambe, who left estate in her own disposition valued at £2,033 bequeathed the residence, after certain legacies, to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers, "in gratitude to those brave ones who gave their eyes in their country's hour of need."

On April 7 three men who are members of the chorus of the Italian Opera Company performing at present in Rangoon had a narrow escape from drowning in the harbour. They were returning from a visit to the captain of an Italian steamer lying in the stream, in order to take part in the evening's performance at the opera, when the sampan in which they were capsized, and they were thrown into the water. A coal bunkering boat fortunately was at the scene and they were rescued with some difficulty and brought ashore. This cannot be the Carpi Co., which has recently been performing in Japan.

Thus the North China Daily News:—It is to be hoped the garages patronized by racing people will be more thoughtful this evening than they were on Saturday. It is true the races finished at a much later hour than usual, or than need be, and probably by that time a lucrative business in hired cars was being done in town. Still, many hundreds of people went down to Kiangwan by motor car and fully expected to find return cars after the races, as usual. Instead there was a motor car famine. Hundreds had to walk all the way back to Shanghai and had it not been for the motor buses hundreds more would have had the same experience, which is somewhat trying for ladies who have been standing for six hours. The popular buses scored another success, but there were not enough of them to pick up everybody.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr Samuel Burnside Boyd McElderry to act as First Police Magistrate and Coroner, with effect from 18 April.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding left yesterday on the P. and O. s.s. Nagoya on a routine visit to North China, during which he will carry out his regular inspection of the Shanghai volunteers. Major General Luard was accompanied by his A.D.C., Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston, and staff, including Colonel C. Russell Brown and Major L. C. French. Mesdames Luard and Russell Brown also make the trip.



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Lieut.-Commander Ronald Leeds, R.N., of H.M.S. Hawkins, with his bride Miss Betty Dawson, of Shanghai, are shown standing outside No. 304, The Peak, (residence of Mr. E. B. C. Hornell) after their wedding, at the Peak Church, on Wednesday afternoon. The bride wore a charming creation of shimmering white charmeuse silver lined, with a white veil the top of which was adorned with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white lilies.

Mr. Thomas Flawn, V.C., of Olven Road, Plumstead, London, S.E., who was awarded the Victoria Cross during the Zulu War in 1879, and was afterwards for many years employed at Woolwich Arsenal, left £340.

The Dennistoun case has been followed in the Press in Paris with great interest, but English titles baffle the foreigner. Sir John Cowans, in the reports, became a lord: Lord Carnarvon a count; and Mr. Justice McCardie Sir McCardie.

Thomas Corcoran, an employee in a soap works at Warrington, believes in punctuality and devotion to duty. During his 50 years' employment at the works he has not lost a single minute of time. In recognition of his unique record Corcoran was presented with a gold watch by his employers.

This year, the King of Siam will have been 15 years on the throne, and to mark his appreciation of the work of the Wild Tiger Scouts all that time, a new medal is to be issued to be known as the Sarudul Mala Medal. The law regulating it will come into force on January 1 next. The medal will be something in the style of the Chakrabarti Mala Medal. Members of the Corps of the rank of Scout Sergeant-Major upwards will be eligible for the medal when they have been 15 years in the Corps. The medal may be conferred on others as honorary members.

Lord Balfour is the same as he was 20 years ago. He has the same evasive subtlety, but what is useful to a diplomat is fatal to a party leader. The man in the street wants "Yes" or "No" from his chief, whether the answer is right or wrong, but is impatient if he is given both and neither, in the true Balfourian style. It is curious to contrast the general view of Lord Balfour at 74 with the general view of him at 24 Fifty years ago he was the young man of vast wealth, and people wondered why he bothered about politics instead of amusing himself in the ordinary way. Now, he is the political oracle whom statesmen consult in time of need; but he is no longer the man of wealth. He has to let Whittinghame, his lovely place in Scotland, and it is no secret that one of the Cabinet sinecures, the Privy Seal or the Lord Presidentship, would have been very acceptable. For philosophers often make mistakes about investments. But Mr. Baldwin is determined to get younger men.

LOCAL COMMERCE.

CHAMBER'S FORTNIGHTLY REPORT.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce fortnightly report on imports is as follows:—

Cotton Piece Goods and fancy Cotton Goods.—This market is stagnant.

Cotton Yarn.—There is no change in the state of our market, absolutely no sales having been effected, and the situation could not well be worse than it is at present. Deliveries have dwindled almost to nothing. Quotations are:—No. 10s. $204/-220. No. 12s. $210/222. No. 16s. $230/235. No. 20s. $230/235. Arrivals 800. Shipments nil. Sales nil. Unsold stock 13,500 bales. Bargains 2,000 bales.

Woollens.—No change. Market lifeless.

Raw Cottons.—There is no change to report.

Metals.—Business remains stagnant, with local prices inclined to sag.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: 520,000 sacks. Quotations: American Patent, $4.80 per sack; American Straight, $3.75 per sack; American Cut off, $3.65 per sack; Shanghai Flour, $3.70 per sack; Australian No. 1, $3.70 per sack; and Canadian Cut off, $3.30 per sack. (Market Steady).

Sundries. (Window Glass).—Market quiet.

Sugar.—Market weak.

Saltpetre.—Good demands forthcoming from Pakhoi for over 10 per cent. refraction.

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An old Southern planter met one of his former negroes whom he had not seen for a long time. "Well, well!" said the planter. "What are you doing now, Uncle Amos?"

"It's preachin' of de gospel."

"What! You preaching?"

"Yassah, marster. I'se a-preachin'."

"Well, well! Do you use notes?"

"Nossuh. At de fust I use notes, but now I demands de cash."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

RATIONALISM AND MODERN CHURCHMEN.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I had not intended to write another letter in connection with the present controversy, but the contribution of "Anglican" in to-day's issue clearly calls for an answer defining the aims for which our Association stands.

One of the difficulties that Rationalists have to face is the fact that our opponents are so disunited. An answer to one party is sure to be regarded as a parody of their views by another. It may appear, when I go on to say that the R.P.A. simply claims to apply reason unsparingly to questions of fact, that the charge may rebound on our own heads. But in practice this is not the case.

Let me first of all say clearly that in what follows I am speaking in a general way of the members of the R.P.A. so far as their opinions are known to me. Many members would not be bound by this, and many who are not members—I might instance the Dean of St. Paul's himself—have excellent title to call themselves Rationalists. I wish also to neglect the points on which we find ourselves in agreement with the Modernists, as my object is to justify the existence of the R.P.A. alongside of their body, of which we might, perhaps, be called the left wing.

In the first place, most of us are non-theists. Those of us who, like the present writer, would willingly accept the idea of a God as the word is used by Julian Huxley in the essay referred to in my first letter, prefer to call ourselves, when called upon to do so, atheists, or agnostics, considering that any other term would darken counsel and be even more misleading than any definition in one word necessarily is. Secondly, most of us are disbelievers in a future life as generally understood. Here again I put the matter bluntly, holding that any definition of the words which includes both the ideas of George Eliot's well-known ode and the popular pictures of heaven to empty the word of nearly all meaning.

We claim that on these two essential points the adherents of the churches have not made out their case. While recognising that the success of the Modernist party will make our campaign more difficult, for many will be contented with the lengths to which the Modernists will go and will join them inside the churches, we may still place principles above party so far to wish them well in their task and to co-operate with them in so far as their principles are consonant with our own.

Yours, etc.,

A MEMBER OF THE R.P.A.

Hongkong, April 24.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—The furious "storm" lately created in your valuable paper, as a result of the diversity of opinions over religious questions has brought, into the limelight a champion of the "Modernist" cause.

It seems so far, or rather one can almost infer that most of our local clergy, among whom no doubt there may be a few learned theologians, are rather reluctant to put their hand to anything savouring of religion outside the bounds of their churches.

Inadvertent as it would be for me to write openly, I heartily admire Mr. Featherstone for frankly admitting, even in the face of strong indignation and even some opposition, etc., which may be roused against him. No one admires a man more than he who gives his own opinions, who uses his critical judgment and who gives you his own convictions. Let us hope we may see many more such laudable school masters.

Never be afraid to be in the minority of one; majorities are mostly wrong, was I believe, a famous saying of Whitehead.

With many thanks.

Yours, etc.,

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Hongkong, April 25.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I hope I may venture to submit the following quotation as a profitable suggestion to the discussion so interestingly given by your various correspondents. It is from a speech delivered by the British Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, at a meeting held recently in Leeds in connection with the National Council of Free Churches:—

"There is not one of you in an assembly like this who has not known at one time of your life a character which can only have been formed on the model of Our Lord and Master—some man, some woman, it may have been someone among the highly educated and fortunate in this world, it may have been a working person. But we have all known, at one time or another, such a one, in our pilgrimage through life to look to that example and to walk to some extent in the light that they cast on their path as they passed along.

"Now Churches may rise and Churches may fall, but the influence of lives like that will go on for ever, and it is by the light of such lives the redemption of this world will ultimately come, and they will survive persecution, and derision, and coldness, and apathy.

"And we shall never see those times, nor our children, nor our children's children; but it will be by the succession of such lives as I have endeavoured to depict that some day the Kingdom of Heaven will come on earth, and if we cannot hold fast in the most difficult times to an ideal of that kind we shall find that we shall be suffocated in the daily toil which most of us have to undergo, and as a people we shall go down and perish for lack of vision."

I think I may safely leave these words to speak for themselves without attempting to enlarge on them.

Yours, etc.,

ABSALOM.

Hongkong, April 24.

CISSY SHIRTS AND OTHER ITEMS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I had no idea of taking up the cudgels on behalf of anything other than "open necks" when I wrote my first letter, but the sanctimonious hypocrisy of "Back to the Apes" is really beyond the limit.

"For perpend," he wrote, "if the collar is to go, why not also the hat, and after that the sleeve. And so on." How he must have smacked his lips over this and his final comment "where will it all end?—woads and shells." I hope he cast his eyes unto heaven in the proper orthodox manner when he penned the words.

I've no time for the kind of people your correspondent would appear to be who wrote the letter I have referred to. They are generally the ones who pretend when in company that they can't see a joke unless it would be passed by the "dear curate" and yet who are the first to book seats at performances such as were mentioned by another of your correspondents yesterday and are there to be seen—oh, dear, no, not "casting up their eyes unto heaven in the orthodox manner" but sniggering furtively behind the palm of their hand.

"Who is to say," plaintively cries, 'Back to the Apes' "where it will all end if individual opinions are allowed to run riot?" I know where I should like to see it end. Individual opinion should follow individual gifts. If God has given a man or a woman a shapely arm or a shapely neck then by all means let him or her show it. God knows, there are enough unshapely things in the world for them to counterbalance.

I know "Back to the Apes" will read into my statements all sorts of meanings which I do not intend but Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.—I think there are more evil-minded among the sanctimonious than among the more freer of speech. I seem to remember reading of words which fell from the very One whom they claim as their exclusive leader about it not being that which fell from a man's lips which defied him but that which was within.

Yours, etc.,

HOPEFUL.

Hongkong, April 24.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—All your advocates of an undress summer will find abundant encouragement from the ricsha and chair coolies—trousers rolled up above the knee, bare to the waist, but plenty of perspiration.

Yours, etc.,

A. B. HORRENCE.

Hongkong, April 24.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Your correspondent "Back to the Apes" is very funny. Quite a Sam Weller he is in a way. But unlike Sam Weller he is funny to no purpose.

For what does he say? He says that if you attack the collar you attack the entire philosophy of clothes; you take the first step back to the apes. Fiddlesticks!

When were men happier than they were in the great days of Greece? Yet the collar as we know it to-day is barely a hundred years old. Would your correspondent suggest that the Greeks, with their superb culture, were nearer the beasts of the field than we are in these sordid, material times. I think not.

If your correspondent's arguments would hold water, which of course they won't, we would still be wearing the most impossible garments and the muffled up medieval ages would be the apex of civilisation. Again I say fiddlesticks!

Yours, etc.,

PLAIN BILL.

Hongkong, April 24.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—It is really painful to see your correspondents side-track a question when a few of the more sensible render a public service by suggesting that we be comfortable when the heat becomes unbearable.

Look at the "young bloods" who now don bowlers simply because prosperous stockbrokers have taken up the fashion. Ice House Street is one up. It is now up to the medicos, architects, taipans, nonentities, etc., to make a counter move by being the first to wear a sport shirt between May 1 and September 1.

Yours, etc.,

LAUNDRYMAN.

Hongkong, April 24.

MEN AND APES.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

"Sir,—Without being drawn into any discussion so childish as that about "Cissy Shirts" (good heavens!), may I correct the glaring error made by one of your correspondents in to-night's paper. "Back to the Apes"—incidentally, why *back* to the apes?—implies, if he does not actually say, that Darwin was father of the theory that men are descended from monkeys. This is an old mistake, for Darwin taught nothing of the sort. Recent discoveries have proved that men are not descended from the monkeys as we know them to-day. Men and monkeys are descended from a common ancestor, which is a very different thing. When will that stupid legend about the "Missing Link" (what a boon the mythical creature has been to the cheap wits!) finally die out?

Yours, etc.,

EVOLUTION.

Hongkong, April 24.

BIBLE FACTS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—The idea of ridiculing the Holy Scriptures never entered into my head when writing my last letter granting Mr. Jordan's measurements, the Ark was no larger than an average ocean liner. There were three floors and many separate rooms. Where, I should like to know did the light come from in the two lower floors? One window would be even insufficient to give light to the top floor. Granting Mt. Ararat to be some unknown mountain, would my correspondent suggest, that it was a low one when the Ark struck ground three months before land was sighted? Evidently Mt. Ararat was the highest peak in the ridge.

My strong point, however, which is carefully avoided by Mr. Jordan is that regarding the two contradictory orders given about the taking in of animals. I would ask my correspondent to look carefully at the verses in chapters 6 and 7 and with his thirty years of study tell me whether the so-called inspired writer did not make a slip. If you admit this slip or if you admit the two contradictory statements, then you must admit that the world has been fooled into the infallibility theory and the sooner matters are adjusted the sooner would the Old Testament be taken as a record of alleged facts, coloured considerably by tales told by wandering minstrels and ignorant priests.

If you delve into Babylonian and Chinese histories you will discover accounts of a world flood in which only a few survived, and these floods are recorded to have taken place long before the flood of Noah's time. The explanation, I think, is that each region has had some great flood in the course of its history which has surpassed all previous floods. The survivors of such a flood naturally regard themselves, as being the fortunate few to be in God's protection. Human nature being what it is, imaginative tales are gradually added to the original as the story is handed down verbally from generation to generation and like the sardine that John caught has swelled into a whale.

God, the ever merciful, cannot have found it necessary to be so barbarous, crude, ignorant and cruel as to kill all the birds, animals and insects in the world just because man had offended him. Besides this think of the number of babies and helpless women subject to the torture of a flood. Imagine the feelings of the large number of people who had helped to build the Ark. God cannot have been so cruel, God cannot have been so barbarous. No, No, by merely wishing it, he could have removed, all the undesirable human beings then living on earth. He could have turned them into dust just as he made their first ancestor of mud. We cannot be punished for thinking too well of God.

"Ignorance is the mother of devotion," especially among believers in the infallibility theories.

Yours, etc.,

NUDA VERITAS.

Hongkong, April 24.

HONGKONG'S BEGGARS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—It is satisfactory to learn that the police have at last taken action to abate the beggar nuisance as evidenced by the number of prosecutions yesterday.

These dimunitive mendicants, many of them girls as the C.S.P. says, have been an annoyance to users of the streets, particularly at the foot of Wyndham Street, where the congestion is most marked, with chair coolies and idlers other than those who have to use the street as a thoroughfare or for the purchase of flowers. A few days ago on being pestered by one of these tiny beggars, who became brave enough to tug at my coat sleeves, I complained to the Indian on duty, but this individual simply grinned at the offenders who stood clear of him. The same day I met a girl with an infant strapped on the back worrying people visiting the Central Market fruit stalls.

There is no doubt that these beggars earn a lot of money with their wails, as a ten-cent piece is the least one would throw at them to be rid of the nuisance. I have seen on occasions the stalwart Indian with his almighty baton poised in air chase an offending ricsha puller as if he would smash his skull. Similarly a little wand in the hands of some plain clothes men used on a tender part of these able-bodied beggars would serve to bring home to them the offence more than any prosecutions. At any rate it would scare them away from the business part of the city.

Yours, etc.,

J. WALKER.

Hongkong, April 25.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—What is the matter with the application of the rod on the ulterior motives of the little beggars who so craftily refuse to divulge the whereabouts of their "employers?" Add a cold bath, with plenty of soap and scrubbing brush and there would be an end to an intolerable nuisance.

Yours, etc.,

PEARS SOAP.

Hongkong, April 24.

"CISSY SHIRTS."

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Why should it be considered *infra dig* for a European to wear Chinese clothes? Is not the wearing of these light silky garments in the hot weather likely to militate against the discomfort of constant or occasional perspiration? Failing this, what is the matter with the sarong?

Yours, etc.,

SARTOR.

Hongkong, April 24.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—The chap who invented the term "Cissy shirts" deserves hanging. The very name sounds silly. No man is likely to stand much chaffing about "Cissy shirts." Is it too late to attempt another name?

Yours, etc.,

TAIL END.

Hongkong, April 24.

TENNIS POINTS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—The spectators of the tennis tournaments often watch a game without knowing how the contestants stand. This is due to the umpire's voice being inaudible except to those near him, as was quite noticeable at yesterday's doubles game. One does not, of course, expect the umpires to strain their "open neck" muscles in cultivating a voice such as that of Col. Robertson, which rings out clearly to the remote end of the arena, or into the other court. Also I noticed a few days ago an umpire uttering something like "he having won the first two." Would it not be better and more satisfactory to the spectators, if the utterances are made for their benefit also, to hear "First two sets—White" (or Green) as the case may be? A little consideration by the umpires to this point will lead to an intelligent interest in the game by the onlookers.

Yours, etc.,

LOVE-FORTY.

Hongkong, April 25.

HISTORIC MACAO SKETCH.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I am indebted to your correspondent, "J.M.B. of Macao" for his lucid explanation of the Residency sketch by Chinnery. One thing more and I will not presume to take up any more of your valuable space. Will your correspondent be good enough to inform me what the Portuguese name of the street known as "sixteen pillars," is?

Yours, etc.,

CHENG YU-CHAU.

Hongkong, April 24.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

SHAMEEN'S ENJOYABLE CELEBRATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shameen, Canton, April 24.

St. George's Day was celebrated yesterday at the Canton Club theatre where a children's party was held under the auspices of the Royal Society of St. George (Canton branch). The Club was beautifully decorated for the occasion and bluejackets from H.M. Ships in port helped to entertain the children.

Mr. Anderson, known as the Shameen conjuror, dressed up as "Charlie Chaplin" and he treated the kiddies to stunts and a conjuring exhibition. Games for the children were organised and, at the conclusion, each child was given a toy balloon and some sweets. Both young and old enjoyed themselves immensely and everybody went home happy.

This is the first celebration since the Canton branch of the Society was formed.

During the morning, a few bluejackets sold St. George badges in connection with the London Society.

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WASHINGTON TREATIES DELAY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, April 24.

Official circles express the hope that France will soon ratify the two 9-power treaties relating to China which, with the declarations regarding the use of submarines and poison gas, are the only Washington conventions still not put into operation. France alone has not ratified them.

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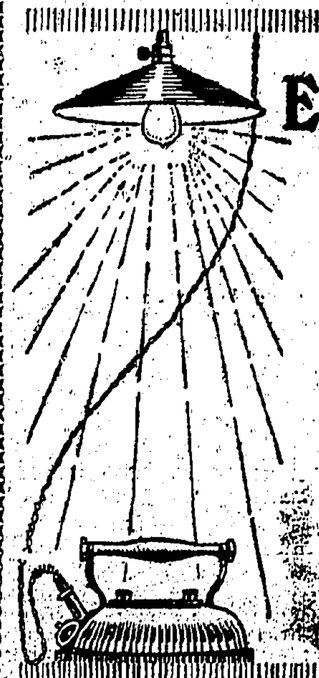

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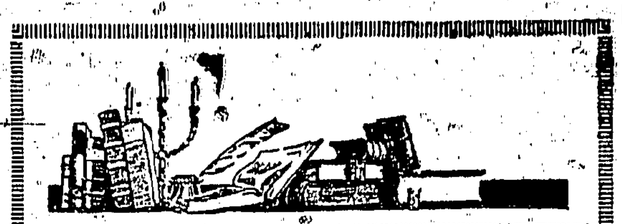

BOOKS

MELBA'S REPROOF TO WOLSELEY.

NAME THAT CONVEYED NOTHING TO HER.

The whole World of art, literature, Stage, the Bar, the Services and "what not" seems to have lunched, dined or conversed with Sir Squire Bancroft.

In his book, "Empty Chairs," (John Murray, 10s. 6d.), he "looks back at his past life and recalls the personalities of those who have been the guests of himself and his wife."

Mme. Melba, the famous soprano, figures as the leading character in a gentle reproof to a great field-marshal. Sir Squire says:—

I was told of a terrible rebuff Wolseley brought upon himself when he took Mme. Melba down to dinner, not having caught her name when presented. He neglected her at table and devoted himself to a charming lady on his other side, whom he knew well.

After a time he asked—as was rather his habit, too loudly, "who is my other neighbour?"

"Surely you know Mme. Melba," was the answer.

"Only heard of her: never met her before;" did not catch her name; when I brought her down she conveyed nothing to me."

Melba quietly asked, "To whom am I speaking?"

He answered, "General Wolseley;" and received the reply, "I am afraid the name conveys nothing to me."

THE KING'S NOVELTY.

Of King Edward, whom Sir Squire knew intimately, there are naturally several good anecdotes. The best, perhaps, concerns a provincial mayor, who, after being himself presented to his Majesty, said, nervously: "May I present your Majesty to the mayoress?"

The King immediately replied: "Certainly. The mayoress is generally presented to me, so it will be a novelty."

Wilkie Collins, the great Victorian novelist and opium taker, has this story told of his addiction to the drug:—

Collins once left the Engadine, and found himself, to his horror, without any. He and an intimate friend represented themselves to be doctors, and so obtained from chemists at Coire, and afterwards at Basle, the maximum supply the Swiss law allowed, and so reached Paris without the catastrophe Collins described in alarming words.

At my table Wilkie Collins, George Critchett, and Sir William Fergusson, the eminent Victorian surgeon, were present together.

Sir George Critchett told Sir William that Collins had confided him the dose of laudanum he took every night, and he asked Sir William if it was not more than enough to prevent any ordinary person from awaking.

"Fergusson replied that the dose of opium named would suffice to kill the 12 men who sat round the table.

UNSPOKEN OPINIONS.

The consciousness of having reflected seriously and conclusively on important questions, whether social or spiritual, augments dignity while it does not lessen humility. In this sense, taking thought can, and does, add a cubit to our stature. Opinions which we may not feel bound, or even permitted to press on other people, are not the less forces for being latent. They shape ideals, and it is ideals that inspire conduct.

—LORD MORLEY.

SIGHT READING.

A "ONE EVENING" BOOK.

A book which holds interest and yet can be finished in the course of the evening without excessive concentration, "The Investigators" is just the thing to fill in those hours between dinner and reasonable retiring hour which have a tendency to drag when it is not possible to fix up the usual hand of bridge.

Light it may be, gruesome it certainly is in parts, but the reader will find it difficult to tear himself away from its pages until he has followed to their conclusion the results of the diabolical experiments of the villain Dr. of the plot who reduces murder to a fine art and excises portions of the grey matter of the brain in order that speech shall be no longer associated with thought in his victim's actions.

Main interest naturally centres round the adventures of this interesting madman but subtly interesting in its development is the growth of intimacy between the two "Investigators"—Napthali Hopps, self-constituted character diagnoser, and Hermione Packer of U.S.A.,—who have made a "corner in brains" and formed a partnership to solve the mystery of a Bower and its master. Almost needless to say the partnership continues after the mystery is solved and the villain brought to justice.

—E.R.P.

["The Investigators," J. S. Fletcher, published at 2s. by John Long, Ltda Norris Street, Haymarket.]

SOMEBODY.

My heart is sair—I dare na tell—
My heart is sair for somebody:
I could wake a winter night
For the sake of somebody.
Oh-hon, for somebody!
Oh-hey, for somebody!
I could range the world around,
For the sake of somebody.

Ye powers that smile in virtuous love,
Oh, sweetly smile on somebody!
Frae ilka danger keep her free,
And send me safe my somebody.
Oh-hon, for somebody!
Oh-hey, for somebody!
I wud do—what wud I not!
For the sake of somebody.

—ROBERT BURNS.

SHAKESPEARE AND SPIRITUAL LIFE.

John Masefield's Romanes Lecture, 1924, was on *Shakespeare and Spiritual Life*. It is published by Humphrey Milford (2s.)

"Shakespeare had many superstitions," says Mr. Masefield, "but his belief was in himself: out of that self he made his system, which moves us all profoundly, whatever creeds we profess. In that system man is warned, like Cæsar, but follows his own Fate; he is tempted, like Macbeth, but is misled by his own heart; he is ordered, like Hamlet, but acts by his own wisdom. He is ruined by his own generosity, like Lear or Timon: he loves much and is little forgiven, like Antony: he is of a passionate credulity, like Othello: but in all these shapes man lives and dies by what is strongest in himself. Only in the last of the plays is there a spirit of beauty, and that spirit is not served by the artist, but serves the artist, and is kept to service only by the artist's will..... The images of his belief walk the world still like the only realities."

A DEVONSHIRE CROWD.

"Redcliff." By Eden Phillpotts. (Hutchinson. 7s. 6d.)

There is enough material in this book to make twenty novels, and Mr. Phillpotts demands a combination of retentiveness and mental agility from those who would enjoy it.

Redcliff is only a small Devonshire fishing village, but the author's network of impressions is fine and comprehensive enough to haul in most of its inhabitants.

No sooner does the cockle-catching, majestic Jane Shears compel our attention than we are switched to the three-cornered affair of Milly, Arthur Pink, the grocer's clerk, and Johnny Stamp. In the middle of this enter the Rev. Canon Horatio Hornby-Horsford and his curate, Mr. Ambrose Pipchin, with the Dowager Lady Guilford hard on heels, arguing pseudo-intellectual absurdities with the help of Rhoda Denning.

Not content with this galaxy, Mr. Phillpotts next presents a delicious piece of characterisation in a soured old woman-hater, Joseph Parable.

AFTER READING ANCIENT CHINESE POETRY.

At dawn I came away from my
home in the hills.
The birds were singing, buds
were opening.
My home that is covered with the
soft-falling petals of the
cherry-trees.
I travelled a long way toward the
sea,
For many days the sun passed me
by and came again.

Now I am here and cannot find
the sea;
People are everywhere, and umbrellas, cars, and signs;
But the beautiful sea is forgotten
behind this curtain of
humanity.
I shall return home to the blossoms and the birds,
There I shall see untrammelled
shores of unsought isles
where the waves will sing to
me of peace.

—FLORA LAWRENCE MYERS.

BIRDS AS PROPHETS.

All best things that befall men
come from us birds, as is
plain to all reason;
For first we proclaim and make
known to them spring, and
the winter and autumn in
season;
Bid sow, when the crane starts
clanging for Afric in shrill-voiced emigrant number,
And calls to the pilot to hang up
his rudder again for the
season and slumber.....
And again thereafter the kite
re-appearing, announces a
change in the breezes,
And that here is the season for
shearing your sheep of their
spring wool. Then does the
swallow
Give you notice to sell your great-coat, and provide something
light for the heat that's to
follow.
Thus are we as Ammon or Delphi
unto you, Dodona, nay
Phœbus Apollo.
For, as first ye come all to get
auguries of birds, even such
is in all things your carriage,
Be the matter a matter of trade,
or of earning your bread, or
of any one's marriage.
And all things ye lay to the
charge of a bird that belong
to discerning prediction.

—Aristophanes, in "The Birds."

BOOKS AND READING.

GEORGE WYNDHAM'S LETTERS.

I am pegging away at Plutarch; although I shall make a hash of it, I am most grateful for having been made to read him through, word for word. It is, after the Bible, Shakespeare, and Morte d'Arthur, the biggest book in English prose, full of wonderful things; most beautiful, and strong, and amusing, turn by turn.

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"I have just read *The Book of Thel*. It is very wonderful and beautiful. 'I ponder and I cannot ponder, and yet I live and love.' That seems to be all we can any of us say; only some say it in many words and some in few."

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"Walter Raleigh—Prof. of Lit. at Liverpool—put me on the track of Hoby's *Courtyer*, a 1561 translation of the Italian *Cortegiano*. The fourth book is the most stately and beautiful exposition of the Platonic philosophy of Beauty which I know of. Spenser does but versify it in his 'Hymne.'"

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"It is very odd how differently a book reads at different times. I am now reading and devouring *Marcus Aurelius* that I have read before and liked rather; now I can't put it down, and next to you he is the best comfort I get of a severe and heroic sort. There is no nonsense about him, or false sentiment, and his manliness is refreshing, and I like the way he goes on hammering into one that man is a 'social animal.'"

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"In the morning from 10 to 2 I read history, have finished Lecky's new volumes, and am just finishing volume one of Green's *English People*, which I have not read since I left Eton. From 10 to 12 at night I read a novel. As I cannot manage new ones I am making a steady onslaught on the old, *Gil Blas*, *Sir Charles Grandison*, and *Tom Jones*. I like *Gil Blas*, and this confirms me in my idea that it is the plot which I so dislike in modern novels. I hate a plot, only wanting to be amused and interested without unravelling conundrums."

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"Have you ever read Peacock's *Crotchet Castle* and *Maid Marian*? Peacock was Shelley's and Byron's 'Creeky-Peeky.' *Crotchet Castle* shows that we are no more modern and no less convinced of the folly of modernity than were sensible people one hundred years ago. Using electric lights instead of wax-candles makes no difference to good books, good company, good sense, and good fellowship, and these, after all, are most of life that is worth enjoying."

"I have not read *Anna Karenine* yet; from what I hear it seems a melancholy, upsetting sort of book, like *Fumée*. I have been rather plodding away at my books about Voltaire, Rousseau and Diderot, and the middle of the last century generally, and have just finished Ockley's *Saracens*; they were very fascinating people; like all people thoroughly in earnest, their lives give great pleasure to those who have nothing to be in earnest about. At least I think this is the great charm about early Jews, Christians, Saracens, Turks, Buddhists, etc., and all the other early religious or political people, that they knew they were right and every one else wrong; whilst we only know we are wrong and think everybody else is too. For novels, I have been reading *Adam Bede* and Dizzy's *Coningsby*, and French ones which always make me uncomfortable."

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DEAR LILY OF DELIGHT.

O lovely lily clean,
O lily springing green,
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Dear lily of delight,
Spring in my heart agen
That I may flower to men.

—John Masefield.

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SCREENLAND

"THE GREEN GODDESS."

"The Green Goddess" is coming! Hailed as the outstanding art achievement of the screen, regarded by critics as a perfect picturization of the famous stage success which ran for two solid years on Broadway, this photo-drama will be seen at the World Theatre on Tuesday, for a run of 5 days. George Arliss—the world's greatest character actor—has the leading rôle. The part of the heroine is taken by none other than Alice Joyce, back on the screen after an all too long absence, especially for this work. In support of these two celebrities are David Powell, Harry T. Morey, Jetta Goudal and Ivan Simpson. The photoplay was produced by Distinctive Pictures Corporation. Sidney Olcott is the director.

Like the stage play, "The Green Goddess" in screen form instantly caught and held the attention of Broadway for a long run at the Sam. H. Harris Theatre, New York, where the world premiere took place on August 14. By reason of its plot, love story and highly melodramatic action, "The Green Goddess" answers every demand for a full evening's entertainment in the theatre. Starting with the swift flight of an airplane over the Himalaya Mountains the drama never for a minute loses momentum until its thrilling climax. In a manner of speaking, "The Green Goddess" starts and ends with a smash—the crash of the aviators in the opening episode and the crash of bombs in the rescue scene at the end—scenes never to be forgotten by picture goers.

"The Green Goddess" deals with the adventures of a British Major (Harry T. Morey), his wife (Alice Joyce) and a scientist (David Powell) who is in love with the woman. In a break-neck flight over the highest mountains in the world, they crash into the Kingdom of Rukh, whose people are worshippers of the Green Goddess. Ruling this principality is the Rajah (George Arliss)—educated in England and France, a weird combination in whom civilization and barbarism are forever in conflict. A smooth man of the world to outward seeming, he is at heart as cruel and cunning as the snakes which crawl in his mountain kingdom.

Expecting aid to continue their flight, the three English people find that they are in reality hopeless prisoners and hostages for three of the prince's brothers who are to be put to death by the British government for a political murder. Treated with suave courtesy by the Rajah, they are nevertheless given to understand that they are condemned to die. The fanatic people of the kingdom have so demanded. There is no alternative—except for the woman. She may live if she will become a wife of the Rajah.

The Rajah promises to bring to his palace the woman's children if she will yield. She scorns his offer. The major and the scientist discover the Rajah is in communication with the outside world by wireless. They bribe the English servitor to send a message of appeal. He betrays them and is thrown into a mountain abyss. The Major seizes the instrument and starts frantically sending an SOS. He is caught and slain by the Rajah. Once more the potentiate offers marriage to the beautiful English woman. Again he is scorned and the final decree is issued for the execution of the woman and of the scientist who loves her.

"At this point in the picture "The Green Goddess" achieves the greatest pitch of love interest and dramatic suspense ever achieved in a photoplay. With fanatic mobs storming the palace demanding their lives, the two victims are led to a chamber in the temple, mystic and fascinating in its terrible beauty. How the two are rescued and the scenes in which this rescue are depicted are superbly done pieces of motion picture photography.

"The Green Goddess" is the work of William Archer, noted dramatic critic and author. It was first presented as a stage play by Winthrop Ames at the Booth Theatre, New York, with Mr. Arliss in the same rôle in which he appears in the screen version. Broadway revelled in its splendor, thrilled at its mystery and jumped at its climax, and then laughed at its cynical flip at the end. Following the metropolitan run came a year in other big cities.

"BUTTERFLY."

No older sister to sacrifice for her—no "soft berth" in life—and Laura La Plante, who plays "Butterfly," the girl violinist in the Universal-Jewel film version of Kathleen Norris' great novel, to be shown at the World Theatre to-day, has still ahead of her the achievement of her musical aspiration. In the picture she portrays the rôle of a girl who has fame and success as a violinist almost laid at her feet by a self-sacrificing older sister.

"Butterfly" is the story of an older sister who sacrifices everything in order that "Butterfly," the younger sister, may achieve success with the violin. The older sister works hard, economizes and sacrifices personal pleasure in life as well as material comforts in order that money may be spent on violin lessons for "Butterfly."

She even steps aside when she loves a man, in order that the younger girl, who is infatuated with him, may gain her desire. And after all this sacrifice, "Butterfly" forgets all that her sister has done for her, and plunges into a whirl of fast living.

Miss La Plante, who plays this rôle of "Butterfly," was intended by her mother to be a violinist and to gain a broad education in music. That was when they were living in St. Louis, where Laura was born in 1904. Because there was no money to spare for it, Laura's musical education was left until with her mother, and Violet, her younger sister, they moved to California.

In San Diego, where Mrs. La Plante worked to support her two children, Laura attended the Washington grammar school and San Diego High School. During this time her violin lessons started, and for two years she studied.

Hit by Hard Times.

Then financial conditions became such that during a visit paid by Laura to a cousin in Hollywood, she decided to leave school and go to work. This was in the late summer of 1919. She started extra work in film studios.

For four years she worked very hard—the first two years at extra work and "bits," with a few comedy leads interspread and with many disappointments along the route. For music, her hobby, she has no time to-day. Now that she has achieved high rank in Universal pictures and is making sufficient money to support the mother, she spends so much time in pictures, she hasn't found one chance for spare time to devote to music.

The cast, which was directed by Clarence Brown also includes Norman Kerry, Ruth Clifford and Kenneth Harlan.

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WORLD OF SPORT.

ICE HOCKEY.

VICTORIA BEAT CANADIENS

Victoria, B. C., March 23 (Special) champions of the Western Canada Hockey Association, defeated the Montreal Canadiens, proclaimed the finest of the National Hockey League, by a score of 5 to 2 in the first game of the series of five for the world's professional championship and the Stanley Cup. Victoria thoroughly out-classed its opponents who came on the ice smiling confidently but who, after the first 10 minutes of fast playing, when their opponents scored two goals, lost their air of confidence and indifference.

Never before has such a game been seen on Victoria ice. Never before has Victoria faced such a team of tearing, slashing, battling opponents, who took offence at every move of the locals and retaliated with vigour. The result was a general melée at one stage of the game and a decidedly bad impression made by the Canadiens upon the hockey fans of the west, over 6,000 of whom crowded to see them play.

The Canadiens appeared to possess a matchless combination in the first two minutes of the game; but once the westerners had hit their true form they actually skated rings around their opponents. In a little over 10 minutes they had scored two goals.

At the beginning of the third period Canadiens seemed to have tired of slashing methods and resorted to heavy body-checking, but this, too, was ineffectual. Victoria scored again only a few minutes after play had started. Now thoroughly upset and to keep from a complete rout the Canadiens literally flew to the attack and Victoria slackened to save themselves as much as possible. The Canadiens' efforts were at last rewarded when Coutu scored, after a fast rush assisted by Boucher. Thirty seconds later Victoria retaliated with its fifth goal, made by Fraser, with a terrific shot from which he scored on the rebound. Morenz, another of Montreal's speed men, scored the final goal when there were only three minutes to play, and just after Halderson was forced off the ice. Victoria thoroughly deserved the first game of the series.

F. E. A. RULES.

THE GAMES AFFECTED.

Following are a few changes proposed in the existing rules of the Far Eastern Athletic Association to be effective this year:

"The country which holds the Tennis championship shall play the winner of an elimination tournament between the other countries."

This is a modification of the Philippine proposal, which seemed to mean that the so-called "Davis Cup System" was to hold with three countries entered but if four or more the elimination tournament should include all nations entered. Our feeling is that the system should be consistent, and not change with the number of entries. In tennis especially, the main objection to the round robin tournament has been that it takes so much time, and becomes difficult to run off if bad weather intervene at all. This change is similar to one proposed after the Second Games at Shanghai in 1915 by Mr. Pott of China, who was chairman of the tennis section of the Contest Committee that year.

"2—Last year Japan informally proposed to both China and the Philippines that the Baseball, Basketball and Volleyball tournaments be changed to a double round robin in each case instead of the single round, and that with but two competing teams the championship to be awarded to the team first winning three matches. This idea seemed to meet with favour at both Shanghai and Manila and has been incorporated in the discussion draft of the new constitution sent out by Mr. England a while ago, adding a proposal that the schedules be arranged by the drawing of lots.

3—It is proposed for Soccer Football that the single robin tournament be retained, but that the scoring shall be as follows in order to lessen the liability of ties resulting. The first paragraph is the Philippine proposal. The second paragraph is added by Japan, the last clause being put in to cover the possibility of one win and two ties occurring, which actually happened at the Shanghai Games in 1915.

"A game won shall count two points, a game lost shall count nothing, and a tied game shall count one point for each team. The country having the greatest number of points at the end of the schedule shall be awarded the championship."

"With but two competing teams the championship shall be awarded to the team first winning two matches, or to the team having the greatest number of points at the end of any match after the second."

MOTOR RACERS.

EVENTS AT MIAMI.

G. A. R. Wood, driving his Baby Gar V, won the Dodge Memorial trophy in the annual regatta on Biscayne Bay Miami. He captured the third and fourth heats, giving him a lead that no other racer could overcome.

Wood won the first heat in 15m, 52s. for the 12 miles, just a second ahead of Williams, driving a Curtis Wingold II. The second heat Wood won as he pleased. His nearest rival, Williams and Philip Wood, beat the gun and had to return and start over. This gave Gar a lead of nearly a mile. The Curtis Wingold boat, in a desperate effort to catch up, made a lap of a mile and a half in 1m. 58s. Wood's time for the race was 16m. 11s.

Thomas Milton, in his Biscayne Baby Miami Beach, won two laps in the free-for-all. In an attempt to make it three straight he was frustrated, as the boat sprung a leak and sank.

De Palo, driving the Altos Del Mar, took a commanding lead and won easily with William Knipper second in Aladdin Houses. The time was 20m., 3s. In the second heat De Palo finished second in Altos Lel Mar, and, as Milton's win of the heat was protested on account of cutting about, De Palo looks to be the winner. The decision of the committee was not made at the time of the protest.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SPORTS MEETING.

Photo by Mee Fong.

Group taken in the stand of the Hongkong Football Club on Sunday when the Sacred Heart School Sports were held on their ground. The Chinese lady standing behind the table on which the many and valuable prizes were displayed is Mrs. Kotewall, wife of the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Chinese representative on the Legislative Council. Mrs. Kotewall distributed the prizes and on her left is Mr. Kotewall. Mr. J. S. Shak, headmaster, is on her right. Next to Mr. Shak is Mr. B. A. Hyder, formerly a champion long distance runner and Mr. R. M. Omar, the Interport cricketer and lawn bowls player, is three further away.

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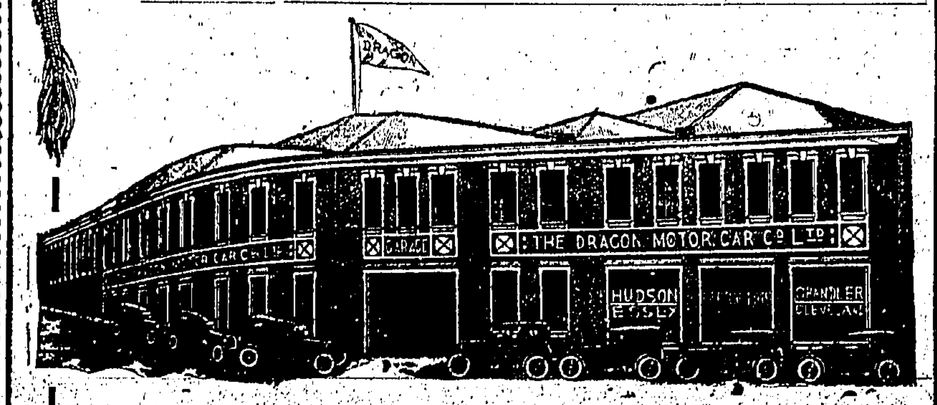

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
SATURDAY, APRIL 25.	
Shanghai	Zosma
EUROPE via Negapatam (Papers only London 26th Mar.)	Diomed
SUNDAY, APRIL 26.	
Japan and Shanghai	Paul Lecat
Java	Tjisondari
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London 3rd Apr.)	Kanchow
Amoy	Talma
Manila	Pres. McKinley
MONDAY, APRIL 27.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Harrison
Saigon	Amboise
TUESDAY, APRIL 28.	
Japan	St. Albans
THURSDAY, APRIL 30.	
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6.	
Australia and Manila	Taiyuan
THURSDAY, MAY 7.	
Manila	Pres. Jefferson
FRIDAY, MAY 8.	
Australia and Manila	Tanda

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
SATURDAY, APRIL 25.		
Saigon	Paifong	1.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Seattle Maru	1.30 p.m.
Japan	Samarang Maru	2.30 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius Aden, Egypt, and EUROPE via Marseilles — due Marseilles 28th May.—Ship sails at 4 p.m. on Sunday 26th Apr. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Paul Lecat	
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Oldenburg	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 26.		
Hoihow and Haiphong	Leesang	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kaigan	9 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 27.		
Shanghai and *Japan	Amboise	10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central & South America & *EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 16th May—and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only).—Parcels Noon. tion 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Pres. McKinley	
Amoy	Pinkiang	3 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3.30 p.m.
Manila, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Pres. Harrison	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 28.		
Bangkok	Barka	8 a.m.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Hopsang	8.30 a.m.
*Straits and Bombay	Lahore	10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjilebet	10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talma	11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Noon.
Amoy	Tjikini	3.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29.		
Shanghai	Kanchow	9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	1 p.m.
Shanghai	Yingchow	3.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 30.		
Manila, Sandakan, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island - due Thursday Island 11th May. Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	St. Albans	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and *EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver B.C., 16th May.—Ship sails at daylight on Friday the 1st May. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Empress of Asia	
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	1 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 1.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haicking	Noon.
Manila	Yuensang	2 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	2.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, MAY 5.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 2nd June Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Hector	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	2 p.m.
THURSDAY, MAY 7.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America and *EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 8th May, 8th May. Parcels Noon. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Pres. Jefferson	

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(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 24.

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GREAT HOPES.

CHINA AND SOUND GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 24.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, Chinese Charge d'Affaires, gave a dinner to General Hsu Shu-tseng ("Little" Hsu) and his mission at the Chinese Legation. Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, the Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Sir Alfred Chatfield, Sir John Jordan, Sir Edward Crowe, and Sir Charles Addis were among those present.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, in a speech of welcome to the mission, said that the Chinese believed Tuan Chi-jui was the only statesman who could put China's house in order.

The Chinese had great hopes of being able to establish a constitutional government on a sound basis. The experience General Hsu was now gaining would be most valuable to China.

PARIS MURDERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, April 24.

Three adherents of M. Millerand's organisation "Patriotic Youth" were killed and eight injured yesterday evening when they fell into an ambush of Communists as they returned from a

M. MILLERAND.

Municipal election meeting presided over by Mr. Deputy Taittinger. Two Communists have been arrested. There was a further outrage at midnight when M. Taittinger and his friends whilst going to the station were fired on from a doorway. Two were hit and the remainder were preparing to attack their assailants, when a gang of fifty emerged from a side street and compelled the Millerandites to take refuge in an underground station, whither the gang followed. The Millerandites escaped after a fight.

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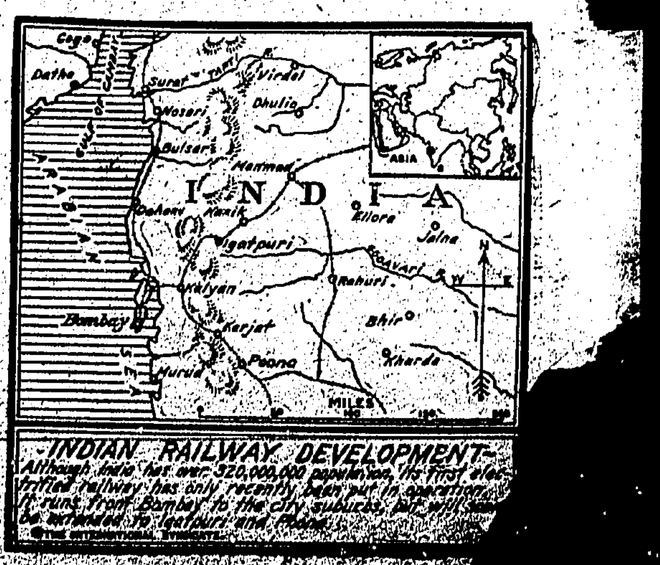

INDIAN RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT—Although India has over 320,000,000 population, its first electrified railway has only recently been put in operation. It runs from Bombay to the city suburbs, but will be extended to Igatpuri and Poona.